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WEST RIVER FIGHTING.

Communist Attacks Feared Around Capital.

GEN. WONG AND FAMILY ARRIVE IN HONG KONG LAST NIGHT.

For the first time public opinion has made itself felt in Canton and a determined resolve that General Li Chai-sum would be back at the head of affairs is apparent.

War having broken out in Kwangtung, attention is now directed to the West River where further gain of territory is credited to the Kwangsi military faction.

The cordon around the Communists is being tightened each day. The civil population is still very uneasy, not as to the possibility of another rising in Canton, but of attacks on unprotected parts of the out-country.

Robber bands are reported to be mobilising in several parts, while their agents are negotiating with agitators about plans by which to overcome up-country townships.

IRONSIDES RETIRING.

Responsible opinion in Canton is that pressure will be exerted, indirectly rather than directly, on the Ironsides for them to give way and thus smooth matters for the return of General Li Chai-sum.

A substantial majority of merchants, property owners and the middle classes, together with half the labour unions, wish to see General Li Chai-sum at the head of affairs again.

However, it is not anticipated that he will consent to a compromise or half measures.

What Happened Before.
The day after he had induced by Mr. Wang Ching-wei to leave Canton for the Kuomintang convention in Shanghai, the Ironsides overthrew his government.

Prior to that the Ironsides had always professed themselves to be his subordinates as, in fact, they were.

The 4th Army, which has been dubbed the "Ironsides" for its victories against the Northerners and then against the Communists, was commanded by General Li Chai-sum.

Shouldering the Blame.
General Chang Fah-kuei, commander-in-chief of the 20,000 Ironsides in various parts of Kwangtung, held command of a division under Li Chai-sum; and General Wong Ki-cheung, the second-in-command, was only a field officer in the 4th Army when the war began.

It was General Wong Ki-cheung who managed the coup last month to depose the Kwangsi administration of which General Li Chai-sum is a leader. He was also in charge at Canton when the Reds stole in and has, therefore, shouldered most of the blame for contributing to a situation whereby Canton was denuded of troops and thus gave the Communists their opportunity.

General's Family Here.
General Wong Ki-cheung has "resigned." He has come down to Hong Kong, and his family followed him here last night.

But the Ironsides still remain in power in Canton city and their Police Commissioner is still functioning, although he has been nominally "dismissed."

Those who suggest compromise would like to see General Li Chai-sum back at Canton, with the Ironsides under him again.

Competent Administrator.
Having always taken the line of least resistance, but nevertheless shown himself a competent administrator, General Li Chai-sum is unlikely to accept such conditions.

If he is to return without the Ironsides being defeated, then the civil population will have to "arrange for" the departure of the Ironsides, most likely by buying them off, as has been done in the past with other bodies of troops.

COUNTER-OFFENSIVE.

Kwangsi Army Gains Another 30 Miles.

Meanwhile, General Li Chai-sum's star has begun to rise again. His partisans have not been elected from Swatow.

His ally, General Wong Shi-hung, of Kwangsi, has started a counter-offensive down the West River.

Latest advice from the West River is that the Kwangsi troops have advanced another 30 miles or so, having now traversed about 70 miles of their 120 miles down to Samshui, which is only 40 miles from Canton by land.

Ironsides Retiring.
Observers state that there has been only desultory fighting.

The Ironsides are slowly retiring but the Kwangsi army's advance is hampered by lack of funds through losing Canton and suffering a set-back.

Reports from other sources go so far as to make out that the Kwangsi vanguard may well reach Shuihung to-day, this port being only 28 miles above Samshui, but this requires confirmation.

TO MAKE A STAND.

Mercenaries Being Concentrated at Samshui.

That the Ironsides will make a stand and not bow to the will of the people is evident from their concentrating large forces at Samshui which happens to be the junction of the North and West Rivers, at the head of the delta.

Such news was conveyed in the report from the "China Mail" West River correspondent published yesterday.

When There is No Benefit.
The "China Mail" political correspondent understands that the Yunnanese mercenaries who have been stationed along the northern frontier of Kwangtung are the troops who have been ordered back to defend Canton for the Ironsides against the Kwangsi army, leaving the border garrison duties to the cadet corps.

Both the mercenaries and the cadets belong to units which have been justly classed as "doubtful" and it remains to be seen whether they will take sides in a struggle which is not likely to benefit themselves materially.

Special Troop Trains.
Troops have been poured out of Canton during the last few days, along the Canton-Kowloon Railway (Chinese section) to Shek-lung, which is on the East River, 40 miles from Canton.

On consecutive days during the week-end, several special trains have left Canton with Ironsides and friendly detachments.

These troops are bound for Walchow which is strongly guarded by the Ironsides as it faces the Kwangsi army overland at Swatow. However, neither side has moved against the other.

CAN'T GO HOME!

Canton Residents' Difficulties at Night.

Martial law has been observed each night in Canton. The high pitch of tension is due to the troops belonging to different detachments, each of which has its own passwords and (Continued on Page 7.)

KIDDIES EN FETE.

Kowloon Juniors Receive Prizes.

GOOD YEAR'S WORK.

Eleven Children Qualify For Central British School.

Over a hundred kiddies sitting in the sun; around them another hundred grown-ups; flags and bunting overhead; and, in an open space, four youngsters gravely enacting the tea-party scene from "Alice in Wonderland." Such was one of the pretty pictures presented in the compound of the Kowloon Junior School this morning when the children gathered to receive their annual prizes and parents and friends came to look on.

The maximum age of the scholars, Miss Cooper, the headmistress, told our representative, is ten. Many of them seemed older. What, perhaps, gave that impression was the capable manner in which they went through the entertainments and the high standard of the work displayed in the class rooms.

Mr. A. E. Woods, Director of Education, was present, and also Mrs. Cock (who gave away the prizes), the Rev. Horace Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wylie.

Good Year's Work.
The annual report for 1927 was read by Miss Cooper, who said:—

That average attendance for the year is 83 as compared with 88 in 1926. The highest recorded attendance during the year was 100. In this connection I should like to draw the attention of the parents to the fact that attendance, on Saturday mornings is compulsory, except in case of sickness. A few children stay away and so hinder their own work and the work of the class.

On March 1 Miss Roberts left to be married in South America. She had been in charge of Class 7 for three years, and had done excellent work. Mrs. Macdonald was transferred from King's College to take her place. Miss Grant went on long leave in March and Mrs. Hooper and Miss George in April. Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Lyle were appointed in April. In May Mrs. Macdonald was transferred to Queen's College and Mrs. Langley took over her work in Class 8. Miss Jacques came as visiting Games Mistress when Miss Dyer went on leave.

LOCAL JOURNALIST.

Mr. E. R. Price's Sudden Illness.

We very much regret to note that Mr. E. R. Price, of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" editorial staffs, is suffering from appendicitis with complications. He underwent an operation in the French Hospital at one o'clock this morning.

Mr. Price was in usual good health on Friday afternoon, when he left his office to prepare for a week-end at the Volunteers Camp. He returned on Sunday evening feeling unwell and remained in bed yesterday, being rushed to hospital last night.

Inquiries made just before going to Press elicited the information that there is a slight improvement in his condition.

leave in May. Class 7 and 8 have suffered especially from the many changes in staff.

Dr. Minett inspected us three times during the year and her report was satisfactory. Some minor defects were reported and the parents notified.

During the course of the year Mr. Price, the Director of Education, Mr. Ralphs, Mr. de Martin, and Members of the Board of Education inspected the school and the school buildings. In February Miss Benham gave us an interesting account of her travels in South Africa.

In February the Military Authorities re-constructed the play-ground. A new Kindergarten room has been built by the P.W.D., which accommodates 32 children. Additional lavatories have also been constructed.

The results of the Royal Drawing Society's Examination are as follows:—19 pupils passed in the Preparatory Division, 5 with honours. One pupil passed in division one. Eleven pupils have qualified to pass on to the Central British School on the results of the examination held this month.

We owe thanks to the Kowloon Dock for the loan of flags, to Mr. Forsyth, who personally superintends the decorations, and to Mr. Walter Rogers for the use of chairs. In conclusion I must thank the staff for their loyalty and devotion to duty throughout the year. (Applause.) (Continued on Page 7.)

GUNBOATS IN ACTION.

Yangtze Pirates Flee Inland.

ESCORT'S ANSWER TO BANDITS.

Tug Captured From Outlaws By Warships.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Gunboats have commenced operations against Yangtze River pirates who are very active between Shashi and Chenglin.

One pirate tug was captured but the pirates escaped inland. A convoy of lighters was attacked by bandits on the river bank and the escorting gunboat replied with her guns.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Shashi is 287 miles above Hankow. It is now controlled by partisans of General Yang Sen who owes allegiance to nobody. British gunboats have been escorting merchant craft through the pirate-infested waters.]

SHANGHAI RUSSIANS.

Consul Leaving Soon: Strike Fails.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Soviet Consul-General and his staff are reported as to leave Shanghai on Dec. 21 or 22.

STILL FINE.

North-east winds, moderate; fine, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened and is moving eastward. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory at 12.45 p.m. to-day:—

Cyclone or typhoon over the Sulu Sea, filling up.

The general strike which was to have begun to-day (Monday) has not taken place.

The situation remains the same generally.—British Naval Wireless.

Presence Undesirable.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
On the request of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, the Shanghai Municipal Police have notified approximately 100 Russians connected with the Soviet Consulate or Soviet concerns and living in the International Settlement, that their presence in Shanghai is undesirable.—Reuter.

Many Executions.

Hankow, Yesterday.
Many men and women who were arrested in the raid on Communists and Russians on Dec. 16 were executed on Dec. 18 by the Nationalist authorities at this port.—British Naval Wireless.

General Strike at Wuhu?

Wuhu, Yesterday.
A general strike has been agitated and is due to commence to-morrow (Tuesday) and the situation here is generally unsatisfactory.—British Naval Wireless.

[Note: Wuhu is 256 miles up the Yangtze River from Shanghai, but below Hankow, and is in the hands of the Nationalists.]

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, who left on Saturday morning aboard the s.s. "Paul Lecoq" is believed bound for Paris.—Reuter.

[Note: Mr. Wang is the accepted leader of the Leftist faction of Nationalist politicians who are also known as the Canton group, which is sympathetic to the Ironsides and is alleged to be extremist in outlook. He has been trying to come to an understanding with General Chiang Kai-shek to combat other influences in the Nationalist Party but has fallen into disfavour.]

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It appears that General Ho Ying-ching's troops (Nationalists), during the week-end, attacked Marshal Shi Chuan-fang's (Northern) troops and drove them back, eventually entering Haichowfu.

The Chihli Shantung (i.e. Northern) troops front line has now its base at Hanchuang, against which Marshal Feng Yuhang's troops (the Kuomintang allies of the Nationalists) are preparing to take the offensive.—Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY.

Memorandum on China.

TRADE WITH THE EAST.

No Weakening Of Existing Safeguards.

The following letter to the editor appeared in "The Times" of Nov. 14:—

Sir,—In view of the increasing disorder in China, which is so seriously prejudicing British trade, and the likelihood of the situation there becoming the subject of questions in Parliament, the China Committee, which represents all sections of our commerce in China, would be glad if you would allow the undersigned to give their views in regard to the difficult problems which China presents.

These views have not been formed without reference to the existence of larger issues. We appreciate, for example, the changed setting of Pacific questions created by the Washington Conference. Or to take another example, we are mindful of the possible reaction of Chinese on European affairs through Russia. And, needless to say, we are profoundly conscious of other economic and political changes made in European life by the war. Chinese nationalism is another factor to which we have done our best to give due consideration. It is a factor of which we have practical knowledge, knowledge which has impressed on us the necessity for taking long views and for supporting a policy of liberality in our dealings with China.

Within the grounds thus limited and cleared the first opinion we desire to express is that, until Chinese nationalism is able to furnish more evidence of constructive and administrative capacity than it has so far given, the safeguards under which British trade has hitherto been conducted ought not to be further weakened. The dissolution of the British Concession at Hankow has proved extremely harmful to British commercial interests there and throughout the Yangtze Valley. The safeguards represented by other Concessions ought for the time being to be maintained. Ne-

FINAL COLLAPSE?

Home Paper's View Of Red Route.

London, Yesterday.
The "Daily Telegraph," in a leader dealing "The complete" and final collapse of Bolshevik policy in China, remarks that now the Kuomintang has so effectively shown itself at one with General Chang Tso-lin in opposing Communism, the elements of political reconciliation in China might seem to be present, but this would leave out of account the main factor in the Nationalist situation, namely the dominance by a personal rivalry of greediness and unscrupulous militarists. Nevertheless the clearing out of Bolshevikism may open the way for a Nationalist approach to a more reasonable attitude toward British and other trading interests.—Reuter.

gotiations have been begun for radical changes in the status of the British Concession at Tientsin. We think that they should not be continued. With the safeguards by the Concessions we associate certain others—extra-territoriality, foreign administration of the Customs, and the rights and facilities hitherto recognised in respect of the sale and purchase of goods in the interior and of the riverine and coastal carrying trade. Secondly, we feel assured that an abandonment of these safeguards and rights would be more dangerous to our trade than boycott, dangerous as that has proved itself to be.

Thirdly, we think the retention of these safeguards leaves ample scope for the prosecution of a liberal policy towards China and for Chinese nationalism to prove its qualities. We are in favour of increases in the import tariff provided such increases are borne by the nationals of other Powers, which is not the case at the present time. We are in favour of the recommendations made by the Extra-territoriality Commission (including those regarding taxation), though we think that the present state of the Provisional Court—formerly the Mixed Court—at Shanghai is a most disappointing augury for experiments along these lines; and we are in favour of inviting the Chinese at Shanghai to the Municipal Council of

DEAD SEA SALT.

Question of The Concessions.

BRITISH INTERESTS.

Formation Of Chartered Company Impracticable.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies was asked whether, in view of the great values and extensive interests concerned in the Dead Sea concession, the Government would take measures for forming an independent British company on the lines of a chartered company for working out this concession?

Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore replied that, in view of the terms of the mandate for Palestine and the Covenant of the League of Nations, it was not practicable to adopt the suggestion.

Asked whether there was any possibility of the Dead Sea salts being handed over to German interests, Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that in the negotiations an endeavour was being made to arrange that any concessionaire selling outside Palestine should not enter into an agreement with any one of three big monopolies without the concurrence of the Government. But it was very difficult to sell an article of that kind in the world's market without some form of agreement with existing organisations.

Asked if the concessionaires were not supported almost entirely by British capital, Mr. W. G. Ormsby-Gore said that he understood that they were supported by quite independent capital not in any way connected with any of the present potash concerns.

A further question was put as to when Mr. Novomeysky formally applied for the concession and what were his qualifications?

Mr. Ormsby-Gore replied that Mr. Novomeysky made his first formal application to the High Commissioner for Palestine, who reported it to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in July, 1921. The High Commissioner also reported that Mr. Novomeysky had since 1911 been working on the question of the extraction of salts from the waters of the Dead Sea. He understood that Mr. Novomeysky was a member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy as well as being scientifically qualified.

Asked if Mr. Novomeysky had ever been an official in Soviet Russia, Mr. Ormsby-Gore answered that he was not even aware that Mr. Novomeysky had any Russian connections whatever. He understood that his parents were Polish, but he was a Palestinian, and he was not aware that he had any Russian connections since he went to Palestine.—British Wireless Service.

the International Settlement has done—to share foreign administrative responsibilities.

Finally, we consider that both British property and British persons in China are entitled to protection, as our treaties with China declare; that the present condition of the ex-British Concession at Hankow is a menace to both, and that the only way to remove this menace is for H.M. Government to administer the former Concession until such time as the Chinese are able and willing to give effect to the Chen-O'Malley Agreement.—We are, etc.,

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RADIO MATTERS.

Conference Between Governments.

VAGUE REPLIES.

"Questions of Vital Interest" To Be Examined.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons, in reply to questions, the Postmaster General stated that the Government had invited the Dominion Governments and the Government of India to nominate representatives to attend the conference on cable and wireless communication which would be held as soon as it was practicable.

Asked whether the object of the conference was to avoid competition and keep up prices, or to secure competition and bring down prices, Mr. Mitchell-Thomson replied that the object was to examine questions of vital interest to the Governments concerned.

Asked whether the wireless companies would be invited, Mr. Mitchell-Thomson replied it was to be a conference between Governments.—Reuter.

CHRISTIE CASE.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY TO DEFAUD.

CHARGE AGAINST BLUHM.

Both James Christie and Christopher Bluhm, who were on Saturday discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of undertaking to procure and supply morphine, appeared before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning charged jointly with criminal conspiracy to defraud.

The hearing of the case was fixed for Thursday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, for the defence, applied for bail, which his Worship fixed in the sum of \$1,000 each.

Mr. Leask pointed out that in the case of Christie there was only one charge against him, the maximum penalty for which was a fine of \$250 or six months' imprisonment.

Major Willson: On six months! Mr. Leask said that he regarded bail of \$1,000 was too heavy, and suggested that it be reduced to \$500 in the case of Christie. With regard to Bluhm, who had also to answer a charge of being in the Colony without a passport, Mr. Leask agreed that bail of \$1,000 might not be heavy.

His Worship replied that in view of the short remand, he would let bail stand for the present in the sum of \$1,000. He agreed, however, to reconsider the matter after the first hearing on Thursday.

Mr. Leask then referred to the second charge against Bluhm, and this Major Willson referred to Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the first Magistrate.

Bluhm was then produced before Mr. Lindsell with regard to the passport charge, and his Worship informed Mr. Leask that he had had the charge placed on the new charge sheet also. As no evidence had yet been taken in the case, his Worship thought that the second Magistrate might deal with the second charge also.

Bluhm was then re-transferred to Major Willson's Court, where, after Mr. Leask had explained the situation to his Worship, the Magistrate remanded the accused until Thursday afternoon for hearing together with the other charge in which he would appear jointly with Christie.

Referring to the matter of bail, Major Willson said that the bail of \$1,000 for the conspiracy charge would cover the second charge also.

COUNCIL MEETING.

SECOND READING OF BILLS ON THURSDAY.

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CHINESE CONSULS.

TRANSFERRED FROM MANILA TO BATAVIA.

A VETERAN OFFICER.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.

Lingoh Wang, Chinese consul-general at Manila, has been ordered from his present post to Batavia, Java, as Consul-General, according to advices received here to-day from Peking.

Mr. Lingoh Wang is a veteran officer of the Consular service, having served in Canada and the United States. He represented China at Washington in a labour congress held there in 1919. His term of office in the Philippines has expired.—"Manila Bulletin."

Mr. Lingoh Wang, who has been spending several weeks in Baguio, returned to Manila on Tuesday last. When interviewed by the "Bulletin" last night, he said he had not yet received orders to proceed to Java, but had heard rumours that Batavia would be his new post.

Mr. Lingoh Wang has been very popular in Manila and the provinces, and has made many friends among the American and Filipino communities who will wish him success at his next station.

ULYSSES S. GRANT.

NOTEWORTHY CEREMONIES TO COMMEMORATE VISIT.

Tokyo, Dec. 6.

Japan is preparing a series of memorable ceremonies to commemorate the semi-centenary of the visit of Ulysses S. Grant to this country.

An exhibition has just been opened in the Kyoto Imperial University, under the auspices of Dr. S. Miura of the Kyoto Historical Society, in which souvenirs of the Grant visit are on display. Gifts brought to the Japanese rulers by the American are being shown, as well as a series of colour prints of the period showing the Grant tour through Japan.

The General had just served two terms as President of the United States and toured the world in 1877-79, being entertained in Japan by the late Emperor Meiji and his consort.

On August 25 of next year a memorial commemorating the Grant visit will be unveiled in Ueno park, Tokyo, by the man who acted as chairman of the Grant reception committee half a century ago. It probably will be a fountain and an inscribed shaft of stone, and it will be erected between two trees planted in the park by General Grant and his wife. The trees are still thriving close to the equestrian statue of Prince Komatsu, first president of the Japanese Red Cross.—United Press.

ARAB OUTRAGE.

LIGHTHOUSE-KEEPER SHOT DEAD.

Paris, Nov. 24.

French aviators, following information given by the wife of a victim, are scouring the vicinity of Cape Blanco, in search of two Ouled Elim Arabs, members of the tribe which tortured the Dakar aviators on November 29, 1926.

It appears that the Arabs stealthily entered the Cape Blanco lighthouse at twilight, stole the lighthouse-keeper's rifle and ammunition, shot dead his assistant who was sleeping in the next room, attacked the second assistant and then the lighthouse-keeper himself who was hastening downstairs from the lamp-room.

The assassins then decamped on a stolen camel. The lighthouse was not lit throughout the night endangering passing vessels.—"Ceylon Observer."

LOST EXPLORERS.

ECHO OF BRAZILIAN MYSTERY.

New York, Oct. 24.

Commander George Dyott, explorer and author, plans to sail from Rio de Janeiro, on December 10 to search the uncharted Brazilian wilderness for Col. P. W. Fawcett, the British explorer, who was last heard from in May, 1925, when seeking traces of a lost civilization.

It was reported that Col. Fawcett was found last September, when Roger Courteville (a Brazilian engineer) believed he saw Col. Fawcett, his son Jack, and another white man living a primitive farm life in a wilderness paradise near Diamantina. It was stated that they were not willing to return to civilisation, preferring an "uncomplex existence." The identity of the party was never definitely established.

In the event of Commander Dyott not finding Col. Fawcett, he intends to push on in an effort to discover the civilisation which Col. Fawcett sought.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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KOREA.

NEW GOVERNOR DEFINES
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Tokyo, Dec. 11.

After the installation ceremony yesterday morning, General Hanzo Yamanashi, new Governor of Chosen, said concerning the administrative policy for Chosen:

"The Government has already a definite policy. As to the administration of Chosen, Admiral Viscount Saito governed Chosen for a number of years in accordance with that policy, and that land now rests on secure foundations.

"What I, as new Governor, have to pay heed to is to make every effort to keep the people of Chosen abreast of the times. As the Government has been considering various plans to promote the happiness and welfare of the peninsula, I will fully arrange with the Government in regard to plans before proceeding to my new post, so that I may govern the peninsula thoroughly."—Toho.

DRY LEAGUE.

ANTI-SALOON GROUP DIVIDES
UP WHEELER'S WORK.

Washington, Dec. 5.

The Anti-Saloon League to-day opened its annual convention here and leaders indicated that it has been decided that the following three will share the work previously done by the late Wayne B. Wheeler:

Francis Scott McBride, general superintendent.

Dr. Ernest Cherrington, secretary of the Executive Committee, who is slated for a new post as Director of Education and Publicity.

E. B. Dunford, who is scheduled to become general counsel.—United Press.

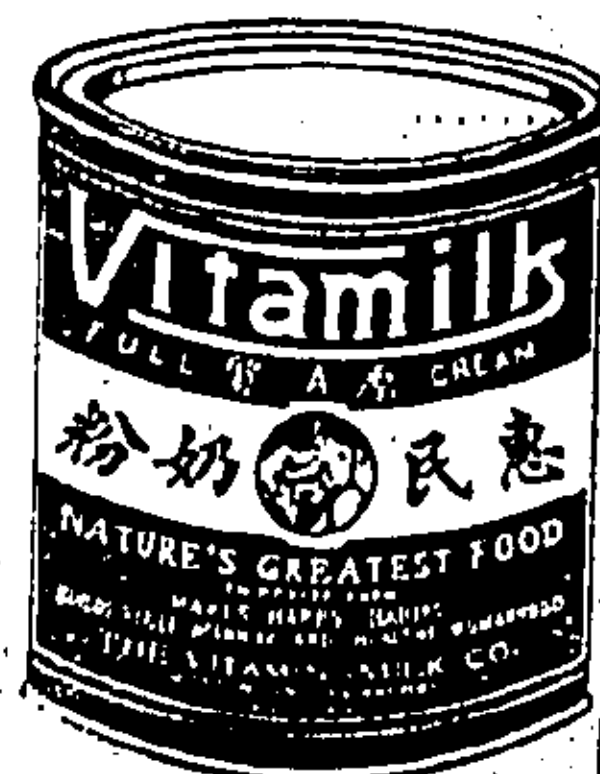
Mr. Sun Foo, Minister of Finance; Dr. C. C. Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Justice; Mr. Foo Ping-sheng, Director-General of the Nationalist Customs Service; and Messrs. Cheng Hung-nien and Chang Shou-yung, Vice-Ministers of Finance, have returned to Nanking.

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.
+ GENOA MARU Tuesday, 27th December.
AWA MARU Wednesday, 11th January.
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Mexico & Panama.
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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.
KAMAKURA MARU Friday, 20th January.
NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.
+ TAKAKA MARU Tuesday, 27th December.
LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.
+ DURBAN MARU Tuesday, 10th January.
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.
+ NAGANO MARU Saturday, 31st December.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
MISHIMA MARU Friday, 20th January.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
+ RANGOON MARU Friday, 23rd December.
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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Kwong Sang (1,428) British, from Canton, Jardine's.
Kanchow (1,222) British, from Canton, B. & S.
Pres. Jackson (8,377) American, from Manila, American Mail Line.—697 passengers, 574 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,875 tons general (through).
Pres. Taft (8,415) American, from San Francisco, Shanghai, Dollar Line.—787 passengers, 2,219 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,500 tons general (through).
Havdrof (713) Norwegian, from Bangkok, K. Larsson & Co.—7 passengers, 1,550 tons rice for Hong Kong.
Gran (1,152) Norwegian, from Canton, Yamashita K. K.
Tjibodas (2,953) Dutch, from Dainy, Amoy, J. C. J. L.—94 passengers, 512 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 8,200 tons general (through).
Sanka Maru (1,506) Japanese, from Shanghai, Port Arthur, M. B. K.—2,750 tons salt for Hong Kong.
Tango Maru (4,238) Japanese, from Yokohama, Nagasaki, N. Y. K.—266 passengers, 461 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,990 tons general (through).
Shu Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing—55 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Chung Kong (447) Chinese, from Tourane, Yan Lee Nav. Co.—250 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Wing Wo (503) Chinese, from Port Bayard, Yiu Kee S.S. Co.—250 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Chian Lee (1,850) Chinese, from Dairen, Chefoo, Yu Tai Hong.—1,200 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,300 tons general (through).
Departures.
For Kobe—Osaka Maru.
For Macao—Shu Hing.
For Halphong—Gran, Calulu.
For Kwong Chow Wan—Tai-zema.
For Keelung—Kwanan Maru.
For Shanghai—Derfingler, Hun Hsin.
For Singapore—Indus Maru.
For Canton—Rollon, Hang Sang, Kueichow.
For Swatow—Hirundo, Hydrangen.
Clearances.
For Singapore—Akita Maru.
For Takao—Kashan Maru.
For Hoihow—Helikon, Memado Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port
British	2	4
Japanese	2	3
Norwegian	2	3
Chinese	4	3
Dutch	1	0
German	0	1
American	2	0
Danish	0	0
Panama	0	0
Portuguese	0	0
French	0	0
	13	14

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OVER HALF OF WORLD'S SHIPS.

As the following comparison shows, Great Britain owned, of tonnage afloat, almost as much as the other countries of the world together; if the ships of the Dominions may also be regarded as "British" the advantage was definitely in our favour:—

Ships.	Gross tonnage.
Great Britain and Ireland	4,900 13,742,639
British Dominions	621 1,314,283
Other countries	4,123 14,471,762
Under construction	9,544 29,523,629
Total	9,953 31,545,526

Among the many matters of interest disclosed by the report none is more significant of shipping's modern trend than the extent to which oil fuel is ousting coal. This tendency is strikingly illustrated by the following table, which sets out the amount of new tonnage constructed under survey in each of the years indicated, and the amount propelled respectively by the medium of oil and coal:—

	Gross Tons.	Per cent.
1918-19	2,491,213	66.2
1919-20	2,111,239	50.4
1920-21	1,260,465	39
1921-22	671,405	51.2
1922-23	418,503	31.6
1923-24	297,948	30.8

It should be remembered that the above figures refer only to new construction in each of the years mentioned. The vast majority of ships already afloat are still coal-driven, the actual percentages to-day being: Coal 64 per cent., oil 36 per cent. How this proportion is altering is suggested by the fact that more than half last year's new tonnage is equipped for oil. The tonnage driven by oil is divisible into two classes—ships having oil fuel installations for the burning of oil in the furnaces, and motor ships. Of the first class forty-two new vessels of 275,000 tons gross came into operation during the year, and although it does not follow that steamers fitted for

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oil burning in fact never use coal, the following table of tonnage so equipped will give some idea of the newer fuel's progress:—

	Gross tons.
July, 1914	1,310,209
1919	5,386,673
1925	17,804,122
1927	18,481,759

Tonnage of the world's motor ships registered by the Society is to-day nearly six times as great as it was in 1919. Its growth since 1914 is indicated below:—

	Motor ships.	Tonnage.
1914	297	752,606
1919	912	2,714,073
1925	2,552	4,270,824
1927	2,552	4,270,824

More than two-thirds of this number are under 1,000 tons each, and 241 are over 6,000 tons, including 88 that are each of 8,000 tons or more.

The new double-acting Diesel engine has been fitted in two motor ships, each of over 9,000 tons, and twenty-nine other sets of the same type of engine, approximating 175,200 h.p., are being constructed under the superintendence of Lloyd's Register.

In yet another direction is the great increase in the use of oil fuel reflected; since 1914 the tonnage of tankers for the carriage of oil in bulk has advanced from less than 1,500,000 to nearly 6,000,000, and last year 17.7 per cent. of the total tonnage classed was represented by this type of vessel. The following table includes all oil-carrying ships on Lloyd's Register for the years mentioned:—

	Gross tons.
1914	1,473,988
1919	2,923,113
1925	5,384,290
1927	5,915,577

At the present time there are 109 steel manufacturing firms in Great Britain and 418 in other countries which are recognised by the committee for the production of steel for use in vessel and machinery intended for the society's classification. Before the war the numbers were: British, 85; foreign, 217.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" from Hong Kong arrived London on December 16 at 7 a.m.
The P. & O. s.s. "Devanha" left Singapore for this port yesterday at noon with the outward English Mails, and is due here on December 24 at about 9 a.m.
The Ben Line s.s. "Benrinnes" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on December 25.
The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Yokohama for Vancouver on Friday at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on December 25.
The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 10, and is due here on December 23.
The s.s. "Corby Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from Honolulu on November 28, and is due in Manila on January 1, 1928.
The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" (Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 4, (Wednesday), 1928.
The M.V. "Viminale" (D. & Co.) sailed from Aden on December 5, and is due here on January 5, 1928.
The M.V. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on November 22, and is due here on or about January 5.
The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Rotterdam on December 6 and is due here on or about January 18.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

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	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	Jan. 13	Jan. 22
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 25	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 3	Feb. 12
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Mar. 4
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 7	Mar. 10	Mar. 13	Mar. 16	Mar. 25
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 28	Mar. 31	Apr. 3	Apr. 6	Apr. 15
EMPERESS OF CANADA	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	Apr. 24	Apr. 27	May 6
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 27
EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 8	June 17

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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—Via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Cape Town.
MANILA MARU Saturday, 31st December.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.
BORNEO MARU Friday, 23rd December.
KASADO MARU Tuesday, 3rd January.
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MEXICO MARU Thursday, 5th January.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.
BINGO MARU Friday, 2nd December.
SEATTLE MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 21st December.
HAIPHONG—Via HOIHOW & PAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
HAVANA MARU Friday, 6th January.
JAPAN PORTS
KOSHUN MARU Tuesday, 20th December.
SEATTLE MARU Friday, 23rd December.
AMAZON MARU Saturday, 14th January.
BINGO MARU Tuesday, 24th January.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
TAIKWA MARU Wednesday, 21st Dec., 10 a.m.
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KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	13th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,653	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACE DONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
* KHYA	9,185	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
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DEVANHA	8,155	25th Dec. 6 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
SANTHA	7,754	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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MACE DONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KASHGAR	9,005	18th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACE DONIA	11,120	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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Valuables are being landed and
stored into the Godowns of the
HONG KONG KOWLOON WHARF
& GODOWN CO., LTD., KOW-
LOON, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me
on or before WEDNESDAY, the
28th December, 1927, or they will
not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be
examined by the Company's Sur-
veyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas
in the presence of the Consignees
at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, the 26th
December, 1927.

No Fire Insurance will be effected
by us in any case whatever.

J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

Hong Kong, 19th December, 1927.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN
LINE.

From New York.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF LAHORE"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo
by her are informed that all goods
are being landed at their risk into
the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous
Godowns of Holt's Wharf,
whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godown,
and all Goods remaining undelivered
after 23rd December, 1927, will
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before 30th December,
1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays or Fridays, between the
hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, with-
in the Free Storage period of One
Week.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by

THE BANK LINE LTD.,
General Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th December, 1927.

AUSTRAL-CHINA N. CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CALULU"

From Australian Ports, etc.

THE above-mentioned vessel hav-
ing arrived from the above-
mentioned Ports, Consignees of
Cargo are hereby informed that
they must take immediate delivery
of same from alongside, and all
cargo impeding discharge will be
landed at their risk and expense
into the Godown and stored at
Consignees' risk.

No Fire Insurance whatever will
be effected.

Consignees are requested to send
in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature immediately.

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Agents.

Hong Kong, 14th December, 1927.

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THE Steamship

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the hazar-
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dows of The Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
whence, and/or from the wharves,
delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after
the goods have left the godowns,
and all goods remaining undelivered
after the 20th instant, will be
subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 3rd Jan-
uary, 1928, or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the Go-
dows, where they will be examined
on the 20th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
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Agents.

Hong Kong, 18th December, 1927.

CARGO INSURANCE.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR REFORM.

From time to time instances crop
up demonstrating the effect which
the campaign for the reform of
cargo policy conditions is having
on the market, and one such which
recently came under the notice of
a writer in the "Journal of Com-
merce & Shipping" is worthy of
mention. The interest concerned
is frozen produce from Eastern
ports which used to be covered at
a fair rate on free of particular
average conditions. In common
with many other insurances, this
particular insurance came under
the influence of the tendency to
broaden the cover of the policy,
until in recent years the policy con-
ditions not only included all risks
but also the essentially non-marine
risk of "Deterioration."

A moment's thought will show
how absolutely incalculable the
risk under these policies became
when the reached their ultimate
state, "all risks," even if inter-
preted as meaning all risks, com-
monly covered in marine insur-
ance and risks ejusdem generis
with these, is sufficiently com-
prehensive to include almost any
kind of damage that may be in-
curred irrespective of the cause.

Hook and sling damage, fresh
water, oil, taint, and the whole
gamut of the non-marine perils
against which underwriters are
now fighting, might well come
under the most strict interpreta-
tion of all risks, and when this is
added "Deterioration" it means
that underwriters are practically
guaranteeing the safe arrival of
the commodity in good condition.

It is true that the covers con-
tained a warranty to the effect that
the goods are to be in perfect con-
dition on leaving the warehouse at
the port of loading, but even if this
is observed with the utmost good
faith by the assured the nature of
the article is such that it would be
impossible to guarantee that the
warranty was observed in every
single shipment.

Then, when the goods are on
board the steamer the underwriters
assume the risk of deterioration due
to the negligence of those in charge
of the refrigerating machinery, of
damage due to the breakdown of
that machinery, and of the many
cases of similar damage which
may affect a fragile and
delicate interest shipped in quan-
tity on long voyages. It may be
argued that the assured needs such
protection, but this is hardly the
marine underwriter's affair. To as-
sume the risk of deterioration would
need a long and intimate experi-
ence of the trade, which no under-
writer can possibly hope to acquire,
and while he can well estimate the
marine perils incidental to the voy-
age, the interest, and the type of
vessel in which it is carried, it is
asking too much of him to expect
him to be able to form any opinion
as to the average cost of deteriora-
tion from causes not connected with
maritime casualty. This is a trader's
risk, and as such should be in-
cluded in the selling price of the
article.

Perhaps it is fortunate in a way
that the experience of under-
writers with this particular class
of insurance has been as bad as
might have been expected, and be-
cause of this it is understood that
recently notice has been given that
the covers will not be renewed on
anything like such comprehensive
terms. The result has been inter-
esting, for although the interest is
an article of commerce between the
East and a Central European coun-
try, the London market has received
several inquiries for insurances on
the old comprehensive terms.

This indicates that the risk cannot
be placed in the country from
whence the inquiries emanate, and
this should be a sufficient encour-
agement to underwriters in this
country to stand firm in withstand-
ing the demands that are now being
made on their generosity, their
credulity—or on both. So far it
is understood that all inquiries
have been unsuccessful in obtaining any quotation
on the terms on which the insur-
ance was previously effected, and
it would be the greatest pity were
the good effect of the campaign for
the reform of cargo policy condi-
tions to be weakened by any con-
cession on the part of under-
writers in so outstanding a case of
the "non-marine peril" evil.

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JAPAN'S PLANS.

EIGHT 10,000-TON CRUISERS.

Japan will have a fleet of eight
cruisers of 10,000 tons each if the
programme, part of which already
is under way, is completed.

A destroyer, said to be the
largest and most powerful in the
world, also will shortly be added
to the strength of the Japanese
navy.

This destroyer, No. 35, 1,700 tons,
was launched at the Malzuru naval
port. It measures 200 feet in
length and is capable of 34 knots.

The next fiscal year will see the
keels of two new 10,000 ton
cruisers of the same type under
construction at the Kure and
Yokosuka naval arsenals and the
Kawasaki and Mitsubishi dock-
yards.

The necessary appropriation for
the new cruisers and proceeding
with the work already started on
six others and a number of des-
troyers and submarines, amounting
to 87,990,000, is included in the
ordinary account of the Navy's
budget for the next fiscal year, as
approved by the Cabinet recently.

This amount is allocated as
follows:

Y88,240,000 for the construction
programme approved in 1922.

Y7,830,000 for the programme of
four destroyers approved by the
51st session of the Diet.

Y11,920,000 for the construction
programme approved by the 62nd
session.

The six 10,000-ton cruisers, now
building, are the Ashikaga,
Haguro, Myoko, Nachi, Atago, and
Takese. The Myoko was launched
in April at the Yokosuka naval
arsenal, and the Nachi in June at
the Kawasaki dockyard in Kobe.

The number of first class cruisers,
which Japan has in commission now
is four. They are the Kaka, Furu-
daka, Abba, and Kinugasa, each
7,100 tons.

The other auxiliary ships under
construction are five destroyers
and 10 submarines, forming part
of the 1922 construction programme,
and four destroyers forming the
1926 programme.

According to the annual report
of Lloyd's Register of Shipping,
plans passed by the Committee dur-
ing the year 1926-27, represented
490 new vessels of 1,831,920 tons,
of which the projected tonnage to
be built in Great Britain and Ire-
land formed 1,210,800 tons, or 66.1
per cent.

The tonnage ordered and now
under construction is greater than
at any time since 1920, and forms a
welcome contrast to the actual out-
put of the "coal strike" year, when
new vessels classed numbered only
323, aggregating less than 1,000,000
tons. Even under the handicap of
the coal dispute Great Britain's
shipbuilders held their own during
the year under review, and were
responsible for more than half the
total output of new tonnage.

This country's maritime pre-
eminence is still more effectively
proved by the total of merchant
vessels holding the classification
of Lloyd's Register afloat at the
end of last June. The aggregate
of shipping which, at that date, was
so registered, amounted to 29,528,-
829 tons, the highest figure yet re-
corded; and there were also then
under construction throughout the
world to the Society's classifica-
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brought the total tonnage of nearly
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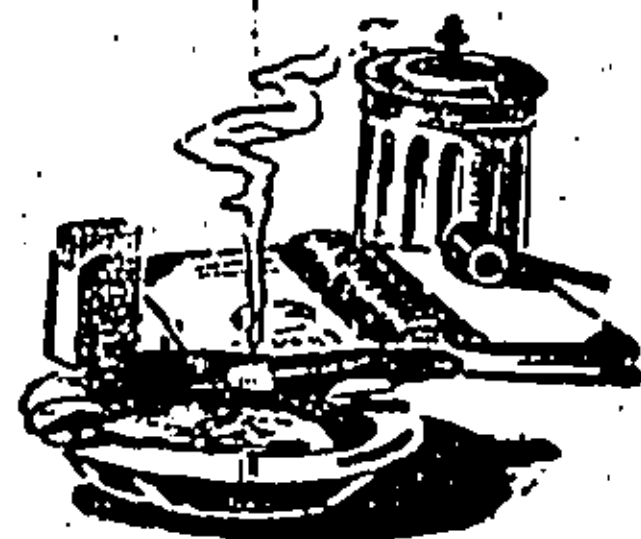
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HOULEN.—On December 12, at
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hai, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Houlen,
a son.

DEATH.

BALLHEIMER.—On December 14,
1927, at the Paulin Hospital,
Shanghai, Emma Ballheimer,
aged 40 years, dearly beloved
wife of W. Ballheimer.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 1927.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

From the account given on the
front page of the "China Mail" yes-
terday of certain restrictions im-
posed upon the local Press by the
police authorities, it would appear
that the former have merely had
their knuckles rapped for being
naughty. This action, of course,
we resent, and we are giv-
ing it publicity because it
is a matter which affects the in-
terests of our readers as much as
it does our own; it is the reader
of this and other local journals
who ultimately suffers as the re-
sult of such high-handedness on the
part of a Government department.
The example of official obtuseness
now brought to notice is not by any
means the first of its kind. Re-
cently a representative of a contem-
porary fell foul of another Govern-
ment department, with the result
that information for the Press
from that Department was only
obtainable by way of a "Press
Table"—a painted board stuck in a
passage-way and invariably empty
of information or anything else.
The first point that arises from
calm consideration of the above is:
Why on earth should the rest of
the Press be punished for the mis-
take of one of its members? And
the second point is: What do these
Government Departments hope to

gain by such childish action?
There are other points, but these
will do for the present. The first
point is unanswerable, unless "offi-
cial idiosyncrasy" be the answer; and in
regard to the second, we may de-
finitely say that the Departments
will gain absolutely nothing. They
will, in fact, lose something which
is very well worth keeping—the
goodwill and respect of the Press.
In Hong Kong perhaps more than
in any other place we know, the
local Government gets more
than due consideration—and free
advertising—from the Press.
Here we allow all sorts of
restrictions to be imposed upon
our work and the manner
in which we do our work; we bow
without question to any "sugges-
tion" emanating from an official
source; we unhesitatingly throw
open our columns, free of charge,
for Post Office notices and other
Government notifications; we give
Officialdom, in fact, all the free
publicity it asks for, if not all it
craves—and in return we get mere
toleration, if that (and if our licence
is in order!) and, as in the case
of the Police Department and the
other one referred to, impertinence.
It does not seem good enough.

POLICE CHARGED.

ALLEGED POSSESSION OF CONTRABANDS.

REVOLVERS & AMMUNITION.

Chinese police constable No. C439
was this morning charged before
Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central
Magistrate's with the unlawful pos-
session of 40 Smith and Wesson re-
volvers and 1,809 rounds of am-
munition.
The accused was defended by Mr.
M. K. Lo, who entered a plea of
"not guilty."
The accused constable's arrest
was brought about by information
given by one of two coolies who
were taken into custody by the
Police in Connaught Road, where
they were carrying a packing case
in which the contraband was found
concealed.
The coolie, giving evidence, said
that he was engaged by the other
coolie to help him to carry the pack-
ing case. They first went to a
house in a lane above Hollywood
Road, where he alleged that he saw
the accused, who was wearing a
pair of Police uniform trousers.
They (the coolies) afterward accom-
panied another man, whom the
accused said was his brother, to an-
other street where the packing case
was pointed out to them, and they
proceeded to carry it away, follow-
ing the man sent out with them by
the accused. When the Police ar-
rested him and the other coolie, they
looked for the man but could not
find him.
Two days subsequent to the ar-
rest, witness took the Police to the
house and there pointed out the ac-
cused as the man he had seen in
the house on the previous occasion.
The case was adjourned until to-
morrow afternoon.

DIOCESAN SCHOOLS.

NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ORPHANAGES.

HELPING THE CHILDREN.

The following subscriptions and
donations have been received for
the year 1927. The money is given
towards the support of orphans and
destitute children at the Schools,
which are among the oldest of
Church Institutions in the Far
East.
The original foundation was in
1860 as a Chinese Girls' School.
In 1868 there was a second foun-
dation as a School for English,
Chinese and Eurasian children, and
as an Orphanage for destitute chil-
dren.

It costs about \$300.00 per annum
to feed and to clothe one Orphan.
Donations can be sent to Mr. P. S.
Cassidy, Messrs. J. D. Hutchison &
Co., King's Buildings, or to Messrs.
Lowe, Bingham and Matthews,
Treasurers of the Diocesan Boys'
School or to the Rev. W. T. Feather-
stone, P. O. Box 33.

The collections in St. John's
Cathedral next Sunday, that is
Christmas Day, will be on behalf
of the Diocesan Boys' and Girls'
Schools and Orphanages:—
The Standard Oil Co., of
New York

John Fleming Esq. 50.00
The Asiatic Petroleum Co. 50.00
The Rev. N. V. Halward 10.00
Messrs. Johnson Stokes &
Master 25.00
Messrs. Thoresen & Co.,
Ltd. 25.00
Messrs. Palmer & Turner 50.00
The Hong Kong & Shang-
hai Bank 150.00
Messrs. D. Sassoon & Co.,
Ltd. 150.00
Messrs. Botelho Bros. 25.00
The British American To-
bacco Co. 25.00

Messrs. Butterfield &
Swire 150.00
Messrs. Deacons 50.00
Messrs. Davie Boag & Co. 100.00
Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd. 25.00
Messrs. John D. Hum-
phreys & Son 50.00
Messrs. Hastings, Dennys
& Bowley 25.00
Messrs. Jardine Matheson
& Co. 150.00
Messrs. Little Adams &
Wood 25.00
Messrs. E. D. Sassoon &
Co., Ltd. 150.00
Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist 50.00

\$1,380.00

FORGED NOTES?

CHINESE AND ALLEGED COUNTERFEITING.

MAKING A PLATE.

Evidence was yesterday after-
noon taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell
at the Central Magistrate's in the
case in which a Chinese employ-
ed in the photography department
of the Commercial Press, Kennedy
Town, is charged with making an
impression of a Central Bank of
China bank note design. Three
other Chinese were in the dock
with the accused, charged as ac-
complices.
The accused were defended by
Mr. C. S. Hugh-Jones.
Evidence was given by a fore-
man of the Commercial Press that
they printed bank notes of the
Bank of Kwangai, but had not at
any time printed Central Bank of
China notes.

Some time ago the first accused
handed the witness what appeared
to be a genuine note of the Cen-
tral Bank of China, and asked him
to make a photograph, on which
the colours on the notes were to
be brought out.

Thinking that it would lead to a
big order for the firm, the witness
consented to make an experiment,
but it was not successful, and the
witness broke up the negative. He
subsequently refused to make an-
other one, telling the first accused
that the manager's authority must
first be secured. The witness be-
came suspicious when the first and
fourth accused pressed the busi-
ness to the point of offering him
\$100 and then \$200 to undertake
the work. The witness refused,
saying that it was against the law.

Next day the witness saw the
first and third accused working on
a copper plate transferring an im-
pression on to the copper. He
(witness) informed the manager.
When the manager went to in-
vestigate, the third accused had
already left, and first accused
asked him to keep the matter private.
First accused was then ordered out
of the building by the manager,
and had since not returned to work.
The case was adjourned.

WASTE PAPER.

THE OLD BANK NOTE TRICK AGAIN.

A Chinese woman living in Can-
ton Road, Kowloon, yesterday re-
ported to the Police that two men
obtained from her own bangles
worth \$48 by means of the old bank
note trick. All she got in return
for her property was a bundle of
waste paper which the men said
were Chinese bank notes. These
they asked her to change for them,
as they were strangers and did not
know the way to the money chang-
ers. She was persuaded to hand
her bangles over as security for the
supposed notes.

MAN ELECTROCUTED

INQUEST ON CHINESE CARPENTER.

THE JURY'S RIDER.

At the Central Magistrate's yes-
terday afternoon, Major C. Willson,
in his capacity as Coroner, and a
jury composed of Messrs. H. H.
Priestley, W. C. Felschow and W.
Treskin, held an inquiry into the
circumstances attending the death
of a Chinese carpenter who was
electrocuted in the Chartered Bank
basement where new vaults were
constructed.

Altogether three workmen en-
tered the basement, and it was given
in evidence by the deceased's em-
ployees that they both felt electric
shocks when they climbed past an
iron bar. When the deceased also
reported receiving a shock, they all
tried to get out of the basement.
Suddenly the deceased gave a cry
of agony and collapsed.

According to Mr. V. G. Kerley, of
the Hong Kong Electric Company,
on the 27th or 28th of last month
the Chartered Bank sent a letter to
the Company's Showroom asking to
have the installation in the build-
ing inspected. The letter did not
reach him until the 6th, and when
he went to the bank at
2.30 p.m., he learned that a Chi-
nese had been electrocuted. An
inspection of the wires revealed
that they were extremely old and
had deteriorated considerably. A
thorough re-wiring was recom-
mended in the witness's report.

Mr. A. E. Clark, of the P.W.D.
Electrical Department, who visited
the scene on the morning after the
accident and inspected the spot
where the man had collapsed, said
that the fault, which had caused
the shock apparently had been re-
moved by the representative of the
Hong Kong Electric Company by
disconnecting the fuses from the
faulty circuit.

It appeared to witness that the
man was working on reinforced
concrete partitions, and where he
was standing, there was very little
room between the partitions (built
for vaults) and a corrugated iron
roof running along the whole
length of the basement.
A leakage apparently existed in
a circuit running along the base-
ment wall and which was in some
way brought into contact with the
iron bars and wet concrete form-
ing the reinforcement of the parti-
tions. During the course of his
work, the victim apparently form-
ed a circuit with his body between
the reinforced concrete partitions
and the corrugated iron roof (both
of which were very wet), which
gave him the fatal shock.

Witness testified to discover where
the corrugated iron roof was good
"earth," and got full voltage of 200
between the roof and the live wire
of the feeder system. He also put
in an insulation test on the cir-
cuit marked "40" by the Electric
Company's representative, and got
a direct zero reading, which meant
almost dead earth.

In his address of the jury, Major
Willson suggested that they should
add a rider to their finding of
"death by misadventure."
The only point his Worship could think
of was that before any work was
undertaken of a similar nature to
that done in this case the electric
installation should first be
examined to ensure safety.
The jury after consultation re-
turned a verdict of "death by mis-
adventure," and added the rider
that all consumers of electricity
should have their installation
examined once every three years by
the companies supplying the elec-
tricity.

"NOTIFIABLE."

PRINCIPAL DISEASES IN COLONY.

The weekly report of the Medical
Officer of Health shows that the
cases of notifiable diseases that
occurred during the week ended De-
cember 17 were as follows:
Diphtheria—5 cases, two fatal
(one Portuguese and four Chinese).
Enteric fever—2 cases (one Bri-
tish, imported, and one Chinese);
Cerebro-spinal fever—1 case, fatal
(Chinese).
Puerperal fever—1 case, fatal
(Chinese).
Influenza (not notifiable)—one
death.

Rabies—one dog.
During the 24 hours ended yes-
terday one case of enteric fever
(Chinese) was reported.

PETTY THEFTS.

SHOWCASE BROKEN IN DES VOEUX ROAD.

The accountant of the Sam Yuen
shop of No. 257, Des Voeux Road
Central, has reported to the Police
that some time during last night a
thief broke a glass in the show-
case and stole electrical goods to
the value of \$48. The theft was
discovered when the shop was open-
ed for business this morning. This
is not to be put together.

The manager of the Navy, Army
and Air Force Institute at Mount
Austin Barracks, has reported to the
Police the theft from the canteen
between 2 and 5 p.m. yesterday of
a quantity of cigarettes and some
money to the total value of \$45.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The Reds caught in Canton are
mostly black and blue all over now.

Two Scots attended a variety en-
tertainment in the village school.
Among the items was a conjuring
performance. After the show one
of the two said to the other,
"Weel, noo, that was a grand jug-
ler."

"What!" exclaimed the other, "he
was the worst I ever saw."
"Weel," said the first, "mebbe he
wasna very clever, but I gae him a
bad half-crown for a trick, an' he
gae me a guid ane back."

"Look here!" cried the indignant
housewife. "You said that if I
gave you a meal you'd mow the
grass and roll the lawn for me."
"I did, lady," admitted the out-
work, his eyes downcast.

"Then," said the woman, "I've
shown you where to find the mower
and roller. Now, why don't you
get on with it?"

The man looked up. There was
genuine regret in his voice as he
answered, "Lady, I'd like to, but
I'm doing this for your own good.
I've got to teach you a lesson. Never
take anybody's word!"

The housewife was showing her
new maid through the upstairs
apartments when finally they came
to a staircase leading down into the
backyard.

"Mary," she said, stepping out on
the landing, "whenever you wish to
pass down to the backyard go down
this way." Just then the speaker
slipped and was precipitated with
a great clattering to the bottom.

"Are ye hurt, mum?" cried the
affrighted maid, staring down from
above.
"No, it's nothing," came the reply
as the mistress rose to her feet.
"Then, if that's what I'm ex-
pected to do, mum, I'm no stoppin'.
I just couldn't stand it!"

Judge: Would you like to chal-
lenge any of the jurymen?

Burly Prisoner: Well, yer honour,
I ain't in trainin' myself, but I
wouldn't mind aving a couple of
rounds with the little chap in the
corner.

"But," said the cautious screen
star, who was about to perform an
apparently dangerous feat, "sup-
pose the rope should break?"
"By George!" cried the director,
"that's a good idea!"

Policeman (producing notebook):
Name, please?

Motorist: Aloysius Alastair
Cyprian—
Policeman (putting away note-
book): Well, don't let me catch you
again!

The marble-playing season had
arrived, and with it, grief for little
Tommy Green. The old gentleman
who found him sobbing in the gut-
ter tried to comfort him with a
penny.

"Don't cry over the loss of a few
marbles," he said. "Go and buy
some more."

"It ain't t—the m—m—arbles
I'm crying over," sobbed Tommy.
"It's f—father's glass eye—I've lost
that."

Dentist: I'll have to charge you
12s. 6d. for pulling that tooth.

Patient: I thought you charged
2s. 6d.?

Dentist: Yes, but you yelled so
loudly that you scared four other
patients out of the place.

Billy: Mummy, do gooseberries
have legs?

Mummy: Good gracious, no,
dear!

Billy: Oo! I think I must have
swallowed a caterpillar, then!

Householder: Here, drop that
coat and clear out.

Burglar: You be quiet, or I'll
wake your wife and show her this
letter you forgot to post.

Newsboy: Great swindle, seventy-
four victims!

Stout Gentleman (after buying
paper): Hi! I can't see anything
about a swindle.

Newsboy: Great swindle, seventy-
five victims!

Eric was a little boy who was
always asking questions. One day
his aunty said to him: "Eric, do you
know the story of a little boy who
was always asking questions, until
one day he turned into a big ques-
tion-mark?"

"No, aunty," said Eric after a
pause. "But tell me, how did they
manage to keep the dot under
him?"

One day an official encountered a
woman who he had every reason to
suppose was infringing the law.

"Madam," he told her, "it is con-
trary to the regulations to bring
dogs into this country."

The woman protested that she
had no dog.

"Then," said the official, coldly,
"am I to understand that the tail
hanging down below your coat is
your own?"

LI CHAI-SUM AGAIN.

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will allow nobody else to pass even though he is known as a friend.

House occupants have had serious difficulty in getting home from very short distances. Li-terms are carried. Each unit is covering an area independently and not keeping in touch with others, leading residents to be uneasy about the possibilities of misunderstanding.

Li Fook-lum Neutral? General Li Fook-lum's withdrawal of the two brigades sent over to Canton has added to the uneasiness. Rumours were current that he had disagreed with the gendarmerie, but there is no ground for this.

Mainly because he wishes to be neutral in the political struggle which is being waged beneath the surface, and partly because he wants to assure peace in his own domain of Honam, General Li Fook-lum cannot spare any troops for the city, but he is one of the biggest factors in immediate developments.

ROBBERS PLOTS.

Mobilising on Word From Communists.

Utterly routed at Canton, the Communist runners who escaped from Canton are now in negotiation with the well-known robber bands who roam different parts of Kwangtung.

Information has been received by the Canton authorities that several outlaw chiefs were sorely disappointed in not being able to mobilise in time to join in the sacking of Canton when the Communists held sway for two and a half days last week.

Canton Must Suffer. The robbers can do their own work but most townships are well protected now by the inhabitants themselves. Accordingly, the robbers need agitators who will enter without creating suspicion, stir up the peasants, and then open the gates for them to go in and plunder.

It is predicted with confidence that districts which have few or no troops are bound to come in for Red terrors similar to those which Canton suffered.

STORES STILL SHUT.

Relief Delegates' Unfavourable Reports.

Neither the big department stores, the hong, nor the big firms in Canton have yet re-opened to business.

The merchants have not got over the effects of the reign of terror, as can be seen in the reports of the various Chinese relief delegates travelling between Canton and Hong Kong.

Agitators who have been intimidating in Honam, opposite to Canton, by marking houses with mysterious symbols, have been summarily shot on arrest.

A few more extremist leaders have been ferreted out in Canton City and shot.

All the unions which were affiliated to the extremist General Federation have come in for attention and will be disbanded by the Police.

WAR INEVITABLE?

Why the Canton People Are Fleeing.

Descriptions given in the foregoing explain the increasing number of refugees from Canton. The fears now are not that the Reds will come out again. Such a prospect is remote. The better classes think that fighting is inevitable between the Ironsides and those who wish to see the Kwangsi faction back in power. Hence their departure now that the effects of the coup are passing off.

Hong Kong steamboats are again running to Kowloon, where attempts of the Chinese Seamen's Union to cause trouble have been countered.

CONVINCING PROOF.

Part Taken by Russians in Red Coup.

Canton, Dec. 18. A semi-official communiqué states that as a result of the Canton Government's raid on the Soviet Consulate-General at Canton, further proof is available that the Communists planned to disturb the peace of neighbouring countries.

Regarding the Communist coup at Canton, eleven Russians were killed while leading various Red parties who were engaged in storming police stations and other government buildings, including one Russian Vice-Consul who had a revolver in his hand. The Consul-General and other members of the Soviet Consulate are now detained pending investigation.

FOREIGN LEGION.

DESERTER NOT TO COMPLETE TERM.

BRITISH INTERVENTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Sir A. Chamberlain) was asked if his attention had been called to a statement that John Harvey, of Cardiff, who was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment for deserting from the Foreign Legion and had been released by French Government on the appeal of the British Government, was to be sent back to the Legion to complete his term of service?

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that, according to his information, the statement referred to was incorrect. Harvey would be released from his military obligations as soon as the usual formalities in connection with his discharge had been completed.

Sir A. Chamberlain again expressed the thanks of the British Government to the French Government for this act of courtesy, and said: "I may add that an Englishman who voluntarily joins a Foreign Legion under another jurisdiction cannot expect that his Government can interfere."—British Wireless Service.

DR. W. W. PEARSE.

REFERENCE AT HOME TO DEATH.

Hong Kong readers (says the "China Express and Telegraph") will regret to learn of the death, which occurred on Nov. 11 at Villefranche-sur-Mer, of Dr. Wilfrid William Pearse, who was for many years Medical Officer of Health of the Colony.

The only son of the late Dr. W. H. Pearse, of Plymouth, he went to Hong Kong about twenty years ago as assistant to Dr. Francis Clark, the then M.O.H., and succeeded to the post on the latter's retirement. Much had to be done to stamp out malaria, plague and other diseases, and to improve the sanitary condition of the Colony generally, and in this work Dr. Pearse was most energetic and successful. He retired owing to indifferent health quite recently, his departure from the Colony being widely regretted. He is survived by Mrs. Pearse.

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Who The Consul Is. It is understood that Consul-General Boris Volin was formerly the right-hand man of the notorious Petroff who was well-known for his activities in Hankow.

All the vaults of the Government Central Bank have been inspected by members of the Chinese Company.

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Equipment.—Every member of the Flying Squad will forthwith return to the Police Reserve Office his Shoulder Badges and Collar Numbers and at the same time receive new ones in exchange.

Parades and Classes. All parades and instructional classes are suspended until after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

A joint telegram under date of Dec. 17, was sent out from Canton by General Chang Fah-kuei, Mr. Chan Kung-pok, General Li Fook-lum to Mr. Wang Ching-wei and General Chiang Kai-shek at Shanghai and to the Central Commission, reading as follows:—

"When attacking the Communists on Dec. 13, more than ten Russians were shot, and about the same number of them made their escape by the North route. In the Russian Consulate, we searched out two boxes of printed matter (preaching 'multin'), as well as a number of loaded pistols which are now in custody. Please advise us by telegram as to what measures we shall take in dealing with them."

KIDDIES EN FETE.

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The following programme was excellently enacted by the pupils:—Christmas Carol (all classes):—"A Child This Day is Born."

Recitations (Class 10):—"Town," "A Penny to Spend," "Country," "Grannie," "Daddy," "Song (Class 9):—"The House That Jack Built."

Dance (Classes 7 & 8):—"Growing Flowers."

Recitations (Class 8):—"If," "The Pedlar's Caravan."

French Songs (Classes 7 & 8):—"J'ai un Petit Chien Charmant," "Trempe Ton Pain, Marie."

"Ten Party Scene from 'Alice in Wonderland' (Class 7):—Alice, Pamela Rundell; The Dormouse, Joan Langley; The March Hare, Rosabelle Nish; The Mad Hatter, Teddy Malm.

Games (Class 10):—"Bobby Bingo," "Winding the Ball."

Song (Classes 7 & 8):—"Sweet Nightingale."

Dance (Classes 7 & 8):—"Princess and Princesses."

French Action Song (Class 7):—"En Passant par la Lorraine."

Prizes, as under, were then presented by Mrs. Cock.

Prize List.

Class 7:—Scholarship and Form prize girls, Joan Langley; 2nd girl, Pamela Rundell; Form prize, boys: Teddy Malm; general progress Ronald Egan, Alvina Laihovelsky; good conduct and steady work, Nora Branch.

Royal Drawing Society Examination Certificate:—Div. 1:—Edwin Long.

Preparatory Div. (Honours): Douglas Kemp, Taylor Allen, Nancy Kempton, Harry Murgatroyd, Brenda Boryer and Joyce Blake.

Pass:—Norman Keeley, Ronald Egan, Edna Phillips, Joan Langley, Pamela Rundell, Alvina Laihovelsky, Victor Bond, Teddy Malm, Robert Proven, Joan Paradise, Dickie Branch, Nora Branch, and Alice Black.

Class 8:—Scholarship and Form prize (girls), Alice Black.

Arithmetic, Norman Keeley; general progress and good conduct, Nan Martin; composition, Peggy Tobin; history, Ian Kempton; French, Fred Rodgers.

Class 9:—Division A:—Form prize, 1st girl, Hazel Dove; 2nd girl, Gladys Jennings; 1st boy, Cedric Salter; drawing, William MacFarlane.

Division B:—Form prize, 1st boy, Stanworth Adey; Form prize, 1st girl, Dorothy Winder.

Class 10:—Form prize, 1st girl, Mary Lyl; form prize, 1st boy, Tommy Suiter; form prize, 2nd girl, Jean Gray; form prize, 2nd boy, Franklin Keeley.

General Progress:—Hester Heath, Hilda Reid, Nora Kelly, Bertram Mitford, Peter Fleetwood, Jimmy Thomson, Ronald Phillips, Jack Stokes, Victor Meade, Helen Ingram, Meeline Grant, and Owen Greig.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Cock, proposed by Mr. Wood, terminated the proceedings.

POLICE RESERVE.

FLYING SQUAD MEMBER COMMENDED.

ORDERS FOR THIS WEEK.

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Equipment.—Every member of the Flying Squad will forthwith return to the Police Reserve Office his Shoulder Badges and Collar Numbers and at the same time receive new ones in exchange.

Parades and Classes. All parades and instructional classes are suspended until after the Christmas and New Year holidays.

A joint telegram under date of Dec. 17, was sent out from Canton by General Chang Fah-kuei, Mr. Chan Kung-pok, General Li Fook-lum to Mr. Wang Ching-wei and General Chiang Kai-shek at Shanghai and to the Central Commission, reading as follows:—

"When attacking the Communists on Dec. 13, more than ten Russians were shot, and about the same number of them made their escape by the North route. In the Russian Consulate, we searched out two boxes of printed matter (preaching 'multin'), as well as a number of loaded pistols which are now in custody. Please advise us by telegram as to what measures we shall take in dealing with them."

The following programme was excellently enacted by the pupils:—Christmas Carol (all classes):—"A Child This Day is Born."

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER OF A CHINESE.

STORY BY AN EYEWITNESS.

Before the Chief Justice and a jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning, a former Dairy Farm coolie was charged with the manslaughter, with two others not in custody, of another Chinese who was drowned as the result, it was alleged, of his being thrown into the harbour by his assailants.

Mr. S. Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown, whilst the accused was defended by Mr. F. C. Jenkin.

Dr. Alexander Cannon spoke to holding a post mortem examination and found that death was due to drowning, which had occurred within 24 hours of the time the autopsy was held.

The evidence of an eye-witness, a coolie working cargo on the Shek-ki junk wharf, was then taken.

He said that, at about 1.30 a.m., on November 16, he was working on the wharf when his attention was attracted to a fight under the verandah. He saw three men assaulting a fourth. They fought right into the middle of the road, and from there toward the praya wall. The victim fell when three feet from the wall, and he saw his three assailants together push him into the harbour.

When the man fell into the water he called out "Save life" once or twice and then sank. Witness did not go to the man's assistance because he did not know the man!

However, he took up the alarm, and himself called out "Save life" as the three assailants proceeded to run away under the verandah in an easterly direction. He followed and saw the three men turn a corner into a street on the west side of the market.

The case is proceeding.

ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.

Haul of Money And Jewellery.

Mr. Justice J. R. Wood and a jury had before them a Chinese charged with having been concerned in an armed robbery in the Sheung Shing shp, No. 52, Koshing Street, at 9 p.m. on October 26 last.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted for the Crown, whilst the accused, whose defence was mistaken identity, was not legally represented.

Evidence was given that some six or seven men committed the robbery. One witness said that he saw two men with firearms, whilst another saw three armed men.

Two men entered the shop first followed by another. Suddenly revolvers were produced, and then other men entered the shop, one of whom closed and fastened the shop door. The shop employees were driven into a rear cubicle where they were bound hands and feet with wire and gagged with wine cups.

The robbers then ransacked the place stealing money and jewellery to the value of over \$3,000. No alarm was given, the robbers leaving when they were satisfied with the haul they had made.

When the robbers left, an employee, who was having a bath in the kitchen when they entered the shop, followed closely behind them. Cries were heard outside the shop and then a Police whistle was blown. This attracted a District Watchman, who gave chase and succeeded in arresting the accused in Sutherland Street.

Subsequently the District Watchman and two other Chinese brought the accused back to the shop where after he had been identified by one of the witnesses as having been amongst the robbers, he was marched away to the police station. This employee even said that he recognised the accused as a man who had visited the shop in the company of another five or six days before the robbery.

The case is proceeding.

SOLDIER'S TRIAL.

CHINESE INVITED TO ATTEND.

In reply to a letter received from the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs requesting him to deal severely with the soldier concerned, pay a reasonable sum of money as compensation to the relatives of the deceased and to withdraw the British soldiers from Shanghai, the British Consul-General, Sir Sidney Barton, has replied, according to the "Mingpao," expressing regret that as soon as a date for the hearing of the case has been fixed by the British Supreme Court, a letter will be sent to the Commissioner to enable an official to be present at the trial.

The Chinese newspapers are devoting considerable space to the affair and several organisations have appointed representatives to investigate the matter. The withdrawal of British troops from Shanghai is suggested by some.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII" HERE.

REMARKABLE REALISM.

Lord Lytton's famous story, "The Last Days of Pompeii," comes to the World Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday. This picture cost £100,000 to make and took a year to complete.

The tremendous climax in this film where the city of Pompeii is destroyed, will remain in the memory for many a long day. Never have there been such awe-inspiring scenes in a picture as are to be seen in this film with Vesuvius erupting and raining fire and lava over the city, great palaces being razed to the ground and the multitude fleeing in terror.

Splendid as are the preceding scenes in the film, the last two reels are so thrilling that they literally tear the spectator out of their seat. It is difficult to describe in mere words the magnificent drama in these concluding reels, and the brilliantly coloured "shots" of Vesuvius erupting, with the general destruction of Pompeii would alone make this picture a tremendous attraction. "The Last Days of Pompeii" is in no way a mere spectacle, for it has more story than any other picture of this character.

"ROCKING MOON."

Presenting a new Alaska to the screen, "Rocking Moon," a fine picture based on Barrett Wiloughby's successful novel, will be the attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day and tomorrow.

The story of "Rocking Moon" is refreshing in that it presents an absorbing romance in which a young girl, who owns a large fox farm, wages a battle of wits to thwart fox poachers. It moves with a fast and even tempo and discloses some of the most beautiful scenes ever reflected on the screen. There are thrills aplenty in the action.

The players have been ideally cast. Lilian Tashman, John Bowers, Rockcliffe Fellowes and Laska Winter in the leading roles make their work outstanding by the artistry of their performance. Luke Cosgrave Eugene Pallette and Evelyn Selbie each lend a distinctive touch to the production. The Alaskan scenes are beautiful, the story one of compelling interest, and the acting is quite equal to that in the regular run of motion pictures.

STAR THEATRE.

Johnnie Walker, has turned crook in "Honesty the Best Policy," the mystery burlesque which will be screened at the Star Theatre to-day and tomorrow along with Jack Hoxie's Western drama, "The White Outlaw."

With Pauline Starke as his mysterious blonde pal, Walker robs safes in jewellers' stores, eludes capture by invading a dentist's office, impersonating the dentist and pretending to work over an unconscious man in the dental chair while a detective looks on.

Again he invades a society masked ball with the intention of helping his blonde pal to steal a fabulously valuable diamond necklace and they escape without their loot, only after Pauline shoots one of the masked guests.

These adventures are enacted as a story told by a young author attempting to sell a "true tale" and the scenes in the editorial office form part of the general burlesque.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. and Mrs. Kotewall are holding a reception tomorrow at Hatton House, 57, Conduit Road, in celebration of the marriage of their daughter, Esther Mary, to Mr. Shiu-kai Lee.

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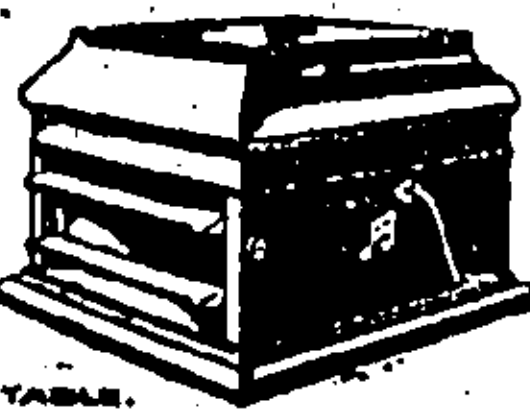
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LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Nearly 60 cases of machine gun
ammunition have arrived in Shang-
hai from Soochow.

Mr. A. J. Sturrock, chairman of
the Kinta Sanitary Board, will be
sailing for Hong on December 31.

The F.M.S. Chamber of Mines
propose to entertain the High
Commissioner to dinner on the
occasion of his next visit to Ipoh.

The Chinese who was indicted
for the murder of his 16-year old
daughter was yesterday declared
not guilty Criminal sessions and
discharged.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Mis-
sion to Seamen in Shanghai ac-
knowledges with thanks the receipt
of \$2,000 being a donation from
the Stewards of the Shanghai Race
Club.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—Hier Jan
Oudegeest has been elected Presi-
dent of the Dutch Social Demo-
cratic Party in succession to Hier
Polak, who has resigned owing to
deafness.

We have received a copy of the
1928 calendar issued by the West-
inghouse Electric International Co.,
for whom Messrs. Reiss, Massey &
Co., Ltd., are sole distributors for
Hong Kong and South China.

The Secretary of the China
Coast Officers' Guild gratefully ac-
knowledges receipt of \$1,000 from
the Stewards of the Shanghai Race
Club in aid of the Mercantile
Marine Masters & Officers Relief
Fund.

London, Dec. 18.—"It is an-
nounced that the Post Office are
making provision for the transmis-
sion of no less than 60,000 radio
messages or Christmas greeting by
the medium of their wireless beam
services.

Mr. R. Bhaskara Aiyar, Superin-
tending Engineer, has been ap-
pointed as Chief Engineer to the
Madras Government. This is the
first time an Indian is appointed
to this post in Madras and the
second instance in the whole of
India.

The death has occurred at Singa-
pore of Mr. Harold Carmichael, the
Municipal Assessor. Mr. Carmichael
went into hospital with internal
trouble and an operation was found
necessary and was performed, but
he passed away on Saturday night,
December 10.

The results of the sale of the
work by the Diocesan Girls' School,
with the object of augmenting the
School Building Fund, held on
Saturday, are provisionally reckon-
ed at \$950 according to a report re-
ceived from Miss Sawyer, the head-
mistress, yesterday.

On behalf of the Board of Gov-
ernors the Treasurers of the Shang-
hai General Hospital acknowledges
with cordial thanks a donation of
\$1,000 received from the Shanghai
Race Club as a contribution to-
wards the cost of the Charity
Wards of the Hospital.

A sum of \$47,000 has been added
to Federal Estimates for the pur-
chase of instruments and for the
purpose of recruiting and training
the staff of observers in connection
with the organisation and in-
vestigation of the Meteorological
branch of the Survey Department.

Mr. D. W. Leach, who is con-
sidered to be the best all-round
cricketer in Shanghai, and who is
now in Hong Kong for a few weeks
on business, is, says the "N. C. D.
News," playing regularly for the
Hong Kong Cricket Club in senior
cricket. Mr. Leach played for
Shanghai in the Interport matches
against Hong Kong and Malaya
last month.

Sentence of death was passed on
Tsang Tih-pau in the Provisional
Court, by Judge Hsiung, with
whom sat Mr. Meinhardt, Senior
Counsel's Deputy, in connection
with a charge of armed robbery
which took place at 279 South
Chengtu Road, Shanghai, on Sep-
tember 14, when money, jewellery
and clothing to the value of \$800
was stolen.

On the eve of his departure to
Singapore Mr. J. C. S. O'Hara, of
Ipoh, was entertained at a dinner
party by a few of his friends. Mr.
O'Hara, who is going to Singapore
to settle down there, is well known
in sporting circles in Perak, where
he organised and maintained for
some years cricket and hockey
teams that took a large share in
the local fixture card. His departure,
says the "Times of Malaya,"
will be a loss to local sport.

A master and three mistresses
of junk were yesterday charged
before Commander G. F. Hole, at
the Marine Court for mooring
their craft inside the low water
mark during the night. One of
the women said that her junk was
put in to shore for the purpose of
getting a doctor for her sister-in-
law who gave birth to a child at
10 p.m. Not to be outdone, an-
other woman said that she herself
had given birth at 6 p.m. One of
the women produced a midwife's
certificate, and after consultation
with the police, the Magistrate dis-
charged these two women with a
caution. The other woman and
the man were fined \$5 each.

Mrs. C. W. G. Botley, of Ipoh,
arrived on a visit to Singapore.

H.M.S. "Wyvern" has sailed from
Shanghai for Chinkiang.

Mr. C. A. Thomas, of Lean and
Co., Penang, has entered the Gen-
eral Hospital there.

Calcutta, Dec. 19.—The aero-
plane "Red Rose" has arrived and
will leave for Rangoon on the 21st
instant.

Mr. G. C. Denham, formerly In-
spector General of Police, Straits
Settlements, arrived in Singapore
from Java accompanied by Mrs.
Denham.

Mr. F. G. Coates, executive en-
gineer in charge of the F.W.D.
Technical School, has been ad-
mitted to the European Hospital,
Kuala Lumpur.

The Chinese charged with the
robbery of gold bars and other
property from the Wo Fat Shing
lunch was found guilty yesterday.
His Honour Mr. Justice Wood re-
served sentence.

Father Monte, of the Portu-
guese Mission at Daman, India,
who has been spending his holiday
with his relations at Singapore, has
had his leave extended till after
the Christmas festivities.



Rear Admiral Julian L. Lummer,
who commanded the special serv-
ice squadron in Nicarguan waters
during the critical months of the
revolution which ended last spring
in a way that won high formal
commendation from his Govern-
ment, is slated to succeed Rear
Admiral Charles P. Plunkett as
commandant of the Third Naval
District and of the Brooklyn Navy
Yard when the latter retire on
account of age on February 15.

Dr. Danson, who was formerly
one of the clergy of Malaya be-
fore he became Bishop of Labuan
and Sarawak, is now on holiday in
England. In mail week he was pro-
ceeding to Birmingham, where he
was to preach, and was also to
broadcast from the B.B.C. Station
there on the recent experience in
his diocese.

London, Dec. 19.—It is expected
that Parliament will be prorogued
on Thursday and that the new ses-
sion will open on February 7.
Efforts will be made during the
week to secure the passage of a
number of minor bills but time has
to be found in the Commons this
week for debates on unemployment
initiated by Labour and on agricul-
ture at the instance of Liberals.

Under the auspices of the Naval
and Military Y.M.C.A. ("Cheer O"),
on Friday there will be a grand con-
cert, of a special and attractive na-
ture, at the City Hall at 7 p.m. On
Monday next there will be a social
evening, and on the following
Thursday, a dance. Both the
places mentioned functions take
place in the City Hall.
There will be singing at the
"Cheer O" to-night, at 7.30; to-
morrow (Wednesday) there will be
a whist drive, at the same hour;
and on Thursday there will be an
informal dance, at 7 p.m.

Sentence of two months' hard
labour and a fine of \$25 or, in
default, a further three weeks'
jail was passed by Mr. W. Schofield
at the Kowloon Magistracy yester-
day on a house-coller employed
at No. 3, Pratt Building, Kow-
loon, charged with the theft of
several articles of jewellery and
some clothing the property of his
mother, employed at the same
address as an amah. It was stated
by the police that the accused, who
was an opium smoker, stole the
property whilst his mother and
wife were gone to the market on
December 30.

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the
Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a
scavenger-coller employed to re-
move rubbish from the Kai Tak
Aerodrome, was charged with the
theft of a quantity of copper wire
and electrical fittings. The ac-
cused admitted possession of the
things, and said that he had pick-
ed them up. According to Ser-
geant MacDonald, the fittings were
removed from the scene of a fire at
the aerodrome last month, and the
accused was seen by the military
police picking up the copper wire
and fittings. His Worship imposed
a fine of \$25.

Nationalist seaplanes are again
scouring the Woosung district in
search of enemy gunboats.

Mr. C. D. Pearson, of the Shang-
hai Waterworks Company, has ar-
rived in Shanghai from home.

Commander E. Gordon and
Lieut.-Colonel C. L. Turbett of the
Sea Transport Staff leave for In-
dia by the P. & O. "Khiva."

Tan Jit Hong, the only son of
Towkay Tan Kam, a rubber dealer,
of Kuala Pilah, was drowned in
the Ulu Perak river. He is said
to have gone for a bath.

The Shanghai Chinese General
Chamber of Commerce is reported
by the vernacular press to have
requested the Nanking Government
to raise the ban on the export of
raw cotton.

The value of the imports of
machinery into British Malaya
amounted to \$309,400 during the
first quarter of the current year,
as compared with \$597,000 during
the corresponding period of 1926.

Mr. Wentworth Lewis, Editor of
the "Straits Times," and Mrs.
Wentworth Lewis have left Singa-
pore on a motor tour of the Malay
Peninsula. They will stop at
Malacca, Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh and
Penang.

The "Shunpao" avers that Mr.
Culver B. Chamberlain, the Ameri-
can Vice-Consul, who is soon ex-
pected to arrive from Swatow, will
be appointed Senior Consul's De-
puty and American Consular Offi-
cial in the Shanghai Provisional
Court.

As the result of a large piece of
rock falling on him whilst he was
engaged in doing excavation work
on Morrison Hill yesterday, an
earth cooler received injuries, which
necessitated his removal to the Gov-
ernment Civil Hospital.

The Shanghai "Nippo" has it
that the cotton mill owners of the
port have formed a mutual better-
ment association, including in its
membership the larger manufac-
turers of British, Japanese, and
Chinese concerns. They propose,
it is understood, to deal as a unit
with the onslaughts of radicals
against their loyal workers.

The wedding will take place
at the Carlton Cafe on De-
cember 21 of Miss Tang
Yung-shueh to Mr. Russell
B. S. Chen, the Shanghai law-
yer, who, at the Ratepayers' Meet-
ing a couple of years ago, second-
ed a resolution for the admittance
of Chinese to the Shanghai Muni-
cipal Council on the basis of prop-
erty owned by them.

Information has been received
that Mr. K. H. Oon, M.Sc., son of
Mr. Oon Boon Tan, of Penang, has
been elected an associate in Science
of the Institution of the Rubber
Industry, and is entitled to the de-
gree A.I.R.I. (Sc.). Mr. Oon is at
present the Chief Chemist of Tan
Kah Kee and Co.'s Rubber Manu-
factory and is also a member of
the American Chemical Society.

The last of a successful series
of fortnightly Whist Drives was
held by members of the Kowloon
Bowling Green Club on Saturday
evening. The prize-winners were:
Ladies—1st, Mrs. R. Duncan; 2nd,
Mrs. Hevey; 3rd, Mrs. Purlow;
Hidden Number; Mrs. Normington;
and Booby, Mrs. Bell. Gentlemen—
1st, Mr. C. Stewart; 2nd, Mr.
Hevey; 3rd, Mr. Bell; Hidden Num-
bers, Messrs. MacFarlane and
Fraser; Booby, Mr. C. Bond.

Mr. J. Meyrier, the French Gon-
sul, returned to Shanghai aboard
the French Mail liner "Andre
Lebon" from France after eight
months' leave at home. He will,
we understand, be appointed acting
Consul-General for France upon
the departure of Mr. E. Naggar,
who has been promoted to the
position of Director of Eastern
Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, and who is leaving for
Paris in about a month's time.

According to the "Singapore Dio-
cesan Magazine," Miss M. Sharp is
retiring from the post of Secretary
of the Singapore Auxiliary Dioce-
san Association. Her brother,
Archdeacon Sharp, formerly of
Sarawak, and assistant Chaplain at
St. Andrew's Cathedral under
Archdeacon Perham, is still Vicar
of St. Stephen's Hampstead, and
Rural Dean. Lt.-Col. Spriggs is
going to be Hon. Secretary and
Treasurer of the S.A.D.A. The
new chairman is Mr. E. S. Pose,
C.M.G., who takes the place of the
Lord Bishop of Ely, who, as cousin
of the late Bishop, presided over
the Councils of the S.A.D.A.

Sir Alfred Dent, who died in
London recently, was not only a
member of the Court of Directors
of the British North Borneo Co.,
but one of its founders, his connec-
tion with it dating back to the
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his partners full sovereign and ter-
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tion of what is now B.N.B. and
very shortly afterwards that the
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alongside the Union Jack at Sanda-
kan. The story is told at length
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[By "The Rover"]

The Chinese Athletic on Saturday again scored a big triumph and by their victory have assured themselves of the League Championship, a remarkable performance with still practically half of the League matches unfinished. Their record to date is:

Played 11 matches, won 10, drawn 1, lost nil, goals for 35, against 3, and this does not include the match against Kowloon which the H.K.F.A. have awarded them full points for.

This splendid record against good teams will be very difficult to equal in the records of the Colony's football, and considering the very brief life of the Club is a distinct success of the organisation of the players and officials responsible. During this remarkable run of success the Club has only used 14 players and this probably explains their phenomenal success. The Chinese Athletic may yet do big things in the Football world, but their run in the Hong Kong Senior League for 1927 up to Xmas will always stand out a bright spot in football history.

On Saturday at the Valley we were disappointed, with the R.A.F. as from the start of the game the accuracy of the Athletic passing and general movements were bound to spell success, and when Sun Kam-shun scored none was surprised. This clever player, still a boy in the football sense, has had a big hand in the Athletic's fine record this season, and in scoring three goals on Saturday again stamped himself as a class player in Hong Kong football. The whole team are playing in fine form and with a spirit of keenness which has made them popular with their own crowds and British players and supporters in the Colony. They have the advantage of a wide selection and great enthusiasm and support, and are receiving the reward now of big efforts and much spade work, and are providing good sport for all.

The R.A.F. were always struggling against speed and cleverness and although they struggled gamely they had to submit to superior tactics and were well beaten at the finish. Now that the Hong Kong Club and the R.A.F. have been so decisively beaten in their return engagements, chief interest will centre in the remaining return matches with the other Clubs which should provide good competition.

The R.G.A. on Saturday again repeated last year's performance when they were one of the few teams to beat the K.O.S.B. Regiment, for although the R.A. were without Leach they played a rare hustling game, and although the Borderers made desperate efforts to recover the advantage which Palford's early goal secured his side, cast iron defence and a little luck again allowed the R.G.A. to secure a surprise win.

At Kowloon the meeting of the Club and Kowloon provided a big struggle, but the match was marred by an unfortunate accident to Howard of the Club, who has sustained a fractured wrist which will unfortunately keep this player out of active sport for some period. Kowloon should, with this handicap, have secured the points as they had many chances, but the Club Reserves played up very spiritedly and on several occasions only fine play by Angus saved the home side. The game was fast and well contested and showed the Club have capable reserves, and also attested the fact that Kowloon require a real inside forward who ran round off the good work of the team in the field. The general falling of the Kowloon forward line is a lamentable weakness when within scoring range, both defences, on Saturday with the exception of the goalies being beaten on many occasions in the danger area, but no goals accrued.

With Gosano, Remedios (H.) and Brown out of the team on Saturday Recreio were the inferior side to their opponents, who played a remarkably good game and Lai Ting-chol on the left possessing a good turn of speed scored two fine goals. Further the general play of the Chinese was much better than one had been led to expect on their record. Recreio made many gallant efforts which brought out unexpectedly fine play from Li Ting-sang full back and the goalies these two players, showing in fine defensive work. Recreio sadly missed their leader—but Xavier reappeared and played well, and Recreio when they get their injured players in the field will still be dangerous opponents and will come again.

With two hefty sides, the Guards and the Police played a lusty game

CRICKET.

M.C.C. TOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DRAW AGAINST TRANSVAAL.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. The M.C.C. scored 129 Nupen took five wickets for 68 runs and Vincent four for 16. In their second innings the M.C.C. scored 360 for 9 wickets declared, Hammond scored 132 Vincent took five wickets for 78.

The Transvaal scored 199. Geary took six wickets for 75. In their second innings the Transvaal scored 183 for three wickets. The match was drawn.—Router.

FAREWELL MATCH TO DR. R. A. PONSOMBY FANE.

The following will represent the two teams in a farewell match to Dr. R. A. Ponsomby Fane and Mr. B. P. Ng to-day, on the University ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—

Dr. Ponsomby Fane (Capt.), D. Laing, W. Hong Sling, A. A. Rum-Jahn, C. W. Lam, F. Zimmermann, B. S. Suleman, F. Hiptoola, K. T. Loke, Chan Fook, F. H. Traves, A. H. Rumjahn.

B. N. Ng (Capt.), D. K. Samy, M. B. Osman, S. V. Gittins, A. P. Gutierrez, E. A. Lee, J. Barrow, B. N. Sudan, A. Baker, A. Aziz, Y. C. Teh, S. Kermani.

with plenty of good football, and two very neat goals by Smith and Peake early in the game for the Guards settled the issue. The Police were not at full strength, nor were the Guards, but the latter are certainly lucky in reserves, as Bratley in Johnston's place did well, as also did Bensley, Peake, and Moore, who were not regular faces in the team. The Guards appear to possess, good reserve players who will stand them in good stead to the end of the season. It is to the Guards we must look now that the League Leaders have beaten all else. It was very regrettable that Peake who had played a fine game was badly injured and removed from the field just before full time.

The Junior games on Saturday provided no interest, excepting to demonstrate the superiority of the K.O.S.B. second string and the clever St. Joseph's team; and China Athletic Reserves also won well against the R.A. Kowloon Reserves against the Recreio Reserves, which latter suffered somewhat like their Senior by absences. The Club Reserves against scratched.

With the Interport team practically decided, the match on Saturday next at the Club ground (should the Royal Navy turn out a good enough team to extend them), will be of great interest, as with probably two exceptions, the Hong Kong Interport Team to play Shanghai will be on view. The left back position appears to be the doubtful position as yet, unless the Committee have something up their sleeve, as three different men have been tried in the three matches, whilst Wynne cannot be replaced at right back on last year's form of this. Bishop, last year's Captain of the Interport team and left back, has not received a trial, which on his game last year he was entitled to, and although the Club player has disappointed his friends this year in certain games, his height and experience in the side which Hong Kong will put out, might be a very useful asset should the weather in Hong Kong during the Interport matches be on the heavy side. Failing this honour falling to the Club captain, the most polished player for the position is Lai Yut-tat, the Athletic Captain, who has youth on his side, and will secure (bar accidents) many honours yet.

Kowloon supporters and players generally are surprised at the drastic action of the Hong Kong Football Association in awarding the points for the cancelled match with the Chinese Athletic on Kowloon ground on the 3rd instant to the latter Club, as the least the Kowloon management expected was that the match would be rearranged on a midweek date or by mutual arrangement of the Clubs. The most attractive item on the Kowloon Card has been washed out, and the Kowloon officials and Club generally also the sporting public of Kowloon, have perhaps been dealt with harshly.

Kowloon were eagerly anticipating the game, but were on the Friday preceding the date of the match without several of their regular first eleven and from other causes, the team which they could have fielded on that date, could not have provided the Athletic with decent opposition. No course was open to the Club officials than to cancel the match, and no one blamed them at the time for action which was only regarded as a common sense one. The decision of the H.K.F.A. is, to say the least of it harsh. It is to be hoped that the Kowloon officials will be able to arrange a match at Kowloon with the Athletic, who I know are not keen to obtain easy points in this manner.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

A WIN FOR COLLEEN.

The following are the results in the fourth Ladies' Championship race held yesterday, over a course of five and a half miles:

Handicap Class.	Finish- Time.	Corrected Time.	Position.
Diana	4:10.08	4:09.13	2
Colleen	4:13.17	4:08.42	1
Rolla	4:11.24	4:11.24	3
"P" and "G" Class.			
Daphne	4:29.35	4:29.35	2
Alla	4:40.51	4:40.51	9
Haleyton	4:44.59	4:44.59	10
Pierrette	4:49.05	4:46.47	12
Thecla	4:40.14	4:38.21	7
Viking	4:45.10	4:39.12	4
Joan	4:49.46	4:45.38	11
Why Wonder	4:40.51	4:39.01	6
Wings	4:37.05	4:36.10	5
Bluebonnet	4:36.36	4:34.46	4
Boojum	4:27.39	4:26.49	1
Adele	4:41.18	4:39.28	8

FANLING HUNT.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING HANDICAP.

The reconstructed handicap for the Christmas Handicap are as follows:—

Ma Kou-siac	170
Wild Follow	170
Easter Day	166
The Gomeril	165
Mowgli	162
Chin Shan	160
Humdinger	158
James Pigg	158
Blotting Paper	156
Lock Rannoek	155
Deerhound	153
More Better	153
Loongwa	148
Taree	148
Min River	147
Racehorse	147
Honeymoon	147
Bill Brewer	146
Red Leaves	146
Alhambra	145
Tarzan	145

GOLF.

RESULT OF BOGEY POOL AT FANLING.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling from Friday to Sunday resulted:—
A. B. Raworth, 2 up.
Other scores:—
F. A. Redmond and J. L. Shellshear, 3 down.
11 cards were taken out.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY TEAM TO MEET RECREIO.

The following will represent the University against Club de Recreio to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m. at Pokfulam.—A. A. Aziz (Capt.), G. E. Yeoh, V. Enok, T. P. Wu, A. B. Suleman, S. C. Ho, F. Zimmermann, F. Y. Khoo, F. Hiptoola, N. F. Lai, N. S. Lim.

NOT RECORD JUMP.

Durban, Dec. 18. At the Natal athletic championships, S. J. M. Atkinson, who represented South Africa at the last Olympic Games, won the long jump with 25 feet 9 inches.—Router.

It has since been announced that Atkinson jumped 22 feet 9 inches, which is not a world record.—Router.



Fielding B. Post, famous football coach of the University of Michigan.

BRAINY VETERANS.

OFFSIDE RULE IN SOCCER.

HOW IT IS DODGED.

More than two years' experience of the change in the offside law has taught everyone in the Soccer world that brain can still triumph over brawn and speed.

When the change was first introduced there was a general impression that it would mean a speedy end to lots of good players who were bordering on the veteran stage, and especially those who were playing at half-back and full-back.

But time has proved that this surmise was far from correct. Those players who make their brains do half the work of their feet seem to be going as strongly as ever. In fact, the success that these so-called veterans are achieving in the football of to-day, when the conditions are all in favour of young players, should prove beyond any doubt that brains ought to be the dominant factor in moulding the careers of professional Soccer players.

As Strong as Ever.

It is a matter of difficulty to call to mind the name of any really good footballer who has been driven out of the game by the change. Here and there players have dropped down a grade—we have Joe Smith with Stockport County instead of with Bolton Wanderers, and George Kay, once of West Ham United, also with Stockport. But these are isolated cases of first-class men who have had to drop back a peg with the march of time rather than because of the alteration in the offside law.

On the other hand, there are many well-seasoned first-class players who are going as strongly as ever. These are the players who, people thought, would be compelled to relinquish their activities when the change came about.

Among the goal-keepers there are old hands like Elissa, Scott and Edward Taylor. And while talking of goal-keepers, it would be as well to correct an erroneous impression that goal-keepers have not been affected by the off-side law alteration. They have.

It has given them lots more work to do and, of course, they have been beaten much more frequently since the change.

Seeing that it was the full backs who were to be driven out of the game first, it does one good to see that hardened veterans like Hudds, of Newcastle United (now well past his fortieth year), Womack of Birmingham, and those great Liverpool veterans Lucas and McKinley are still playing as though there had been no change in the law at all.

It must not be overlooked, too, that Tommy Clay—who, even in his best days, was not noted for any violent bursts of speed or for unnecessary use of his weight—has quite recently staged a most successful "come-back" in the Tottenham Hotspur team.

Old Stagers.

At half-back, old stagers like Frank Moss, of the Villa; Frank Barson, of Manchester United; Percy Barton, of Birmingham (who has recently blossomed out into a centre half); "Bill" Hardy, of Cardiff City; Bromlow, of Liverpool; and Arthur Grimmsell, of the "Spurs, have been as much to the fore as any players in the League.

Most footballers have finished their careers at the average age of the six halfbacks whose names I have mentioned, and it is a wonderful tribute to these men that they can carry on in the hardest department of the Soccer field, under conditions which undoubtedly favour men possessed of speed.

Particularly gratifying to those who follow the fortunes of the London Soccer clubs has been the return of Arthur Grimmsell, and the manner in which he has inspired his colleagues in the Tottenham team.

Never Need Stop.

While the veteran forwards have not been saddled with such a handicap by the offside law change, it is interesting to note that the old hands among them are still the wisest heads, and they go on playing as if they never need stop.

There was a first-class example of this at Highbury when Ted Vizard, who has been Bolton's outside left for nearly two decades, was just about the best forward on the field.

On the other side was Buchan, who has been in first-class football nearly as long as Vizard, and it is passing strange that he was the Arsenal's best forward.

One notes, too, that Clem Stephenson has found his way back into the Huddersfield team; that "Andy" Wilson is doing great things for Chelsea; that "Bill" Gillespie is still Ireland's best international forward; even though Sheffield United cannot find him a place in their League eleven at the

TOTE IN ENGLAND.

THE AGA KHAN ON ITS ADVANTAGES.

BETTER PRICES.

The Aga Khan, who has an intimate knowledge of horse racing not only in England, but also in France, America, and Ireland, expressed himself strongly in favour of the introduction of the totalisator, as recommended by the Jockey Club. His reasons are that the totalisator would:

- Be fairer to the public and to racing;
- Do away with evasion of the betting tax; and
- Help breeders of bloodstock.

To a reporter the Aga Khan said: The position of breeders will be improved, because a proportion of the returns of the totalisator are allocated to them. Probably in a year the amount would be £30,000 to £100,000, which would make their position entirely different from what it is to-day.

Except for the few owners who are successful, racing is an expensive hobby. It cannot continue on the present basis in these days of heavy death duties and heavy income tax.

If the suggestion that all money invested at starting prices should be invested in the totalisator were adopted, I do not think an army of Government inspectors would be necessary to enforce it. The pressure of public opinion would compel bookmakers to act, because the odds given by the "tote" are often so much greater than starting prices under present conditions.

Chancellor's £6,000,000.

The totalisator would do away with evasion of taxation, and I have no doubt that it would enable the Chancellor of the Exchequer to obtain the £6,000,000 he expects the betting tax to yield.

The totalisator would make the retention of commissionaries entrusted to starting prices against illegal. They would transmit every commission to the racecourse, where it would be invested in the "tote."

The Aga Khan added that the bookmakers would thus become commission agents, charging their clients a commission on each transaction.

Man v. The Machine.

Mr. David Cope, a London starting-price bookmaker, told a reporter that he had no fear of the totalisator if its introduction is accompanied by the legalising of cash betting.

"I believe," he added, "racing men will still want the bookmaker. The average speculator likes to know what he is getting for his money and will prefer, if he is a regular backer, to deal with a man rather than a machine."

The Irish Free State Minister of Finance, Mr. Blythe, stated in the Dail, the Free State Parliament, that no licence had been granted for the establishment of the totalisator on Irish racecourses. The Turf Club had recommended that it should be installed, and when it was set up one-half of the 5 per cent. charged on bets would be devoted to increasing stakes for races.

moment. But "Bill" will come again, as he did two years back. J. G. Orange in "Evening News" whistled or the wailing of a hand convey his wishes just as effectually. My summing up will come within a sentence. If you wish your dog to be sociable you must be sociable with him.

Afghan Hounds.

At one time I was doubtful if Afghan-hounds would be regarded seriously, thinking that as novelties they might attract attention without attaining permanence. Apparently I was wrong, for they seem to be increasing in numbers, and more people are taking them up. A lady who has had a puppy of several months tells me what a delightful creature it is, with the most charming of manners. Now that we may look upon them as being stable I hope exhibitors will remember that type alone is not sufficient to arouse the expectation of winning prizes. At the Kennel Club show I had to put one or two back because of unsoundness, when other things would have justified them in going higher. A working dog must be sound, and must move freely if he is to get above the rack. I understand that an Afghan Hound Association was formed at the Kennel Club show, and that already it has a membership of twenty-five, which is very encouraging for the beginning. Mrs. Bradshaw, The Kennel Club, Ringmore, Tadmouth, is the hon. secretary. They are talking of guaranteeing classes at Crufts, and offering cups for competition.

Let me remind readers that there will be an excellent display of small dogs at the Crystal Palace on the occasion of the annual show of the Toy Dog Society—an enterprising body that provides a liberal classification for all that come within the term. There is a strong team of judges, including Lady Edith Wyndham, Mrs. Phillip Hunkles, Mrs. Carlin, Mrs. Vincent Curtis, Mrs. Slack, Mrs. Oosterveld, and Mr. J. W. Marples. "Daily Telegraph."

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RADIO TOPICS

WIRELESS UP-TO-DATE.

DISTORTION IN AMPLIFIERS.

A good deal of attention has been given to the problem of selectivity, as experience indicates that the simpler type of wireless receiver in many instances fails to provide adequate tuning (writes W. James, the "Morning Post" Wireless Correspondent). Many receivers enable one to hear a distant station but fail to eliminate the local station, with the result that the two programmes are heard at the same time.

We have described how the tuning can be improved by using a good tuning coil with the aerial connected to a point on the coil, and how, for really good results, two well made tuned circuits are necessary. Having arranged for adequate selectivity we have now to consider how best to amplify without distorting by more than a certain amount, and secondly to obtain the volume of sound necessary for pleasant reception with a minimum of trouble and expense.

Not Expensive.

To have practically perfect reproduction is not necessarily expensive unless very strong signals are required, and in this connection we have to distinguish between a receiver which an engineer with his laboratory equipment says is nearly perfect, and that which the critical listener describes as quite satisfactory. For the engineer makes measurements and draws curves to show the performance of a set, and is apt to class as unsatisfactory that which the average listener finds quite acceptable.

Many amateurs, too, make the mistake of judging quality of reproduction by the performance curves of individual pieces of apparatus rather than by using these curves as a guide, and judging a set's performance by ear.

For a long time it has been said that the use of resistance couplings in a low frequency amplifier would ensure faithful reproduction. But this is not true. Resistance-coupled amplifiers can, and very often do, distort very badly according to the design of the couplings. It is only comparatively recently that the ordinary type of resistance-coupled amplifier has been proved to fail adequately to deal with the higher audio frequencies. Particularly is this true when the couplings include resistances of high value; yet the amplification given increases with the value of these resistances.

For these reasons it is doubtful whether such an amplifier best meets the requirements of the average listener. Such an amplifier, however, is relatively inexpensive, does not readily get out of order and consumes but little current. Its great advantage is the ease with which the very low notes can be magnified.

Transformers, on the other hand, tend to cut off the lower frequencies, but in many instances they amplify the higher frequencies very well. A good transformer used with the right valve will amplify frequencies from about 50 cycles to 6,000; above and below this range of frequencies the transformer cuts off, which is probably a desirable feature.

It is true that many loudspeakers do not reproduce the very low and high notes as they do those of middle frequency; many people therefore question the necessity for a nearly perfect amplifier. But a good amplifier is no more expensive than an inferior one, and the more realistic reproduction which is obtained is ample compensation for the time and trouble spent in choosing the right parts and valves.

When considering the performance of an amplifier it is necessary to remember the detector. Two methods of detection are commonly used. In one a grid condenser and leak are employed, while the other uses a grid bias battery.

The detector which uses a grid condenser and leak is the more sensitive of the two and is the better detector to employ when the valve has to provide reaction as well as to detect. This type of detector may distort rather badly, however, and for this reason, the anode bend detector in which a negative grid bias is used is sometimes to be preferred. Such a detector is relatively insensitive, and strong signals have to be applied to it for satisfactory results.

In the anode circuit of both detectors a condenser has to be used in order to minimise the amount of high frequency current passing

WIRELESS FORECASTS.

WEATHER ON AIR ROUTES.

Among the varied activities of the Meteorological section of the Air Ministry those concerned with aviation in particular are steadily growing. Recording in their report for 1926-27, a considerable growth in all branches of this work, the Meteorological Committee state that increased advantage has been taken by both Service and civil pilots of the facility by which a weather report or forecast for any route or area in the British Isles or along the main Continental routes can be obtained on request, at any time during the day or night, from the Aviation Forecast Service. During one month 226 such requests were received. There has also been a marked increase in the number of inquiries for forecasts received at distributive stations on aerodromes.

During the year investigations of meteorological conditions were carried out in respect of the following projected air routes: (1) Kharطوم, Kisumu, (2) Calcutta-Rangoon, (3) the West Indies and the northern coast of South America, (4) Cairo-Karachi (special data), (5) Bristol-Berhaven. Considerable time was devoted to the organisation of the meteorological arrangements along the Cairo-Karachi air route, the first section of which—from Cairo to Basra—was opened in January. Personnel of the operating company who are to act as meteorological observers at auxiliary reporting stations in Palestine and along the Persian Gulf have been trained at Croydon, and arrangements have been made for the supply of the necessary instrumental equipment for these stations.

The year has seen considerable advance in the plans for the provision of the necessary ground for the home trial flights of the two new airships of 5,000,000 cubic feet capacity, and for their trial flights to India. Very close liaison is being maintained with the airship staff in all meteorological matters affecting airships, and interim reports are being made as the investigational work progresses, to enable the earliest possible use to be made of the result.

In regard to wireless weather reports, it is mentioned that in the twelve months under review 4,714 reports were received from the thirty-two North Atlantic liners. The number of British observing ships regularly making weather reports to "all ships" along all the trade routes of the world has more than doubled, and is steadily growing.

The practical application of the work at sea is steadily being organised of marine observers, and the support of many of the great steamship lines, with a view not only to aiding navigation, but ultimately to aid aerial navigation overseas; and therefore too much encouragement cannot be given to the captains, officers, and wireless operators of regular observing ships. In home waters evidence of the value to shipping of the British Weather Shipping Bulletin has continued to come in, and during the year the appreciation of salvors was especially evident.

Into the low frequency amplifier. This condenser has the effect of reducing the strength of the higher audible frequencies and, unless precautions are taken which have the effect of reducing the overall amplification, the anode bend detector will distort more than that which uses a grid condenser and leak.

Power Valves.

A very good, low-frequency amplifier will have a resistance-coupled stage followed by a transformer stage. If the resistance coupling is connected to the detector, a fairly low anode resistance, such as 100,000 ohms, should be used with a shunting condenser of .0002 mfd. With a coupling condenser of .005 mfd. and a grid leak of 2 megohms, the low notes would be amplified very well, while the notes of higher frequency will be reduced by only a small amount. If this is followed by a valve of low impedance and a good transformer, the output obtained will be a nearly perfect copy of the input.

MISCHIEF OF WIRELESS.

"PEOPLE KEPT AT HOME" NOWADAYS.

The mischief resulting from the present popularity of wireless was that which kept people at home, said the new Master of the Musicians' Company (Dr. G. J. Bennett), in presiding at its annual dinner at Stationers' Hall in London. One effect of keeping people at home was that many of the musical societies were in danger of being snuffed out altogether. Their company was the oldest organisation in the country devoted to music, and embraced most of our distinguished musicians, amateur as well as professional.

After the loyal toasts, the chairman desired the members, and guests to indicate their sympathy with the Royal family on the recent death of the Marquis of Cambridge, and the company responded by rising and standing for some moments in silence.

Dr. Bennett opened the proceedings by presenting the three silver medals annually awarded by the Company to Bandmaster W. Northcote Davis, Royal Naval Band, Royal Naval School of Music; C. W. Heape, A.R.C.M., 1st Battalion, the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), and Royal Military School of Music; and Mr. Edgar Kendal Taylor, R.C.M.

The Venerable Archdeacon Blackie, speaking as President of Lincoln, proposed the "Worshipful Company of Musicians," said he often wished they could enforce the old prohibition against wandering musicians performing outside the houses of nobles and persons of importance, especially at Christmas time. (Laughter.) He described the success with which their chairman had served in the office of Sheriff of Lincoln, and especially as a public speaker, even at bazaars and sales of work. (Laughter.)

Mr. H. D. Truscott proposed the toast of the year's Medallists, and Sir Hugh P. Allen, in responding, said that the initials R.A.M. represented not only the Royal Academy of Music, but also "Remember Alexander Mackenzie." (Laughter and cheers.)

The Senior Warden (Mr. W. W. Cobbett) proposed the guests. Sir James Dundas-Grant and Dr. Malcolm Sargent responded. During the evening a programme of music was rendered by Miss Betsy de la Porte, Miss Helen Just, Miss Margaret J. Rees, Miss Gladys Gosling, Mr. Emyln Bebb, Mr. Trevor Jones, Mr. John Andrews, Mr. Leyland White, Mr. E. Kendal Taylor, and Mr. Harry Stubbs.

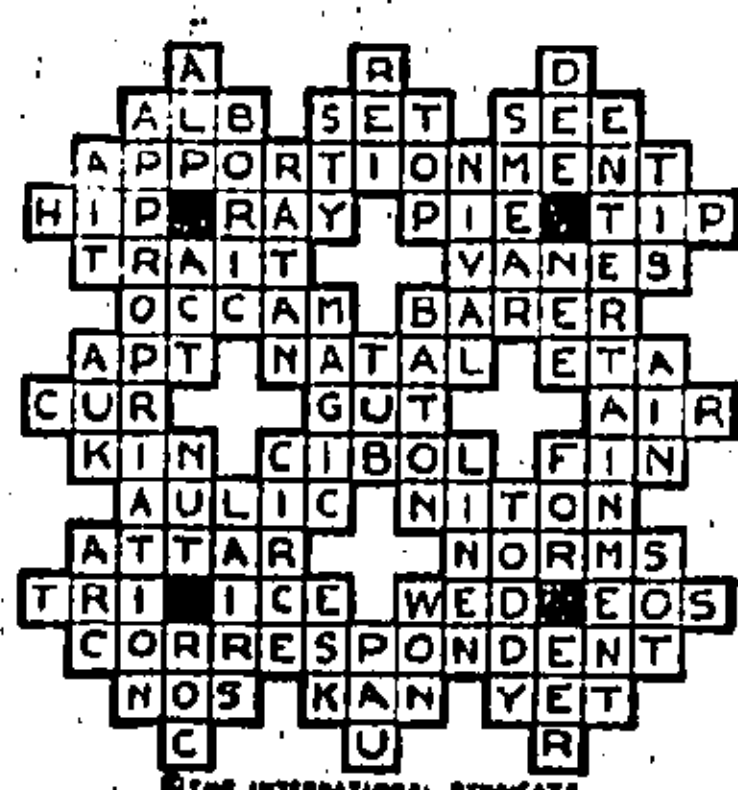
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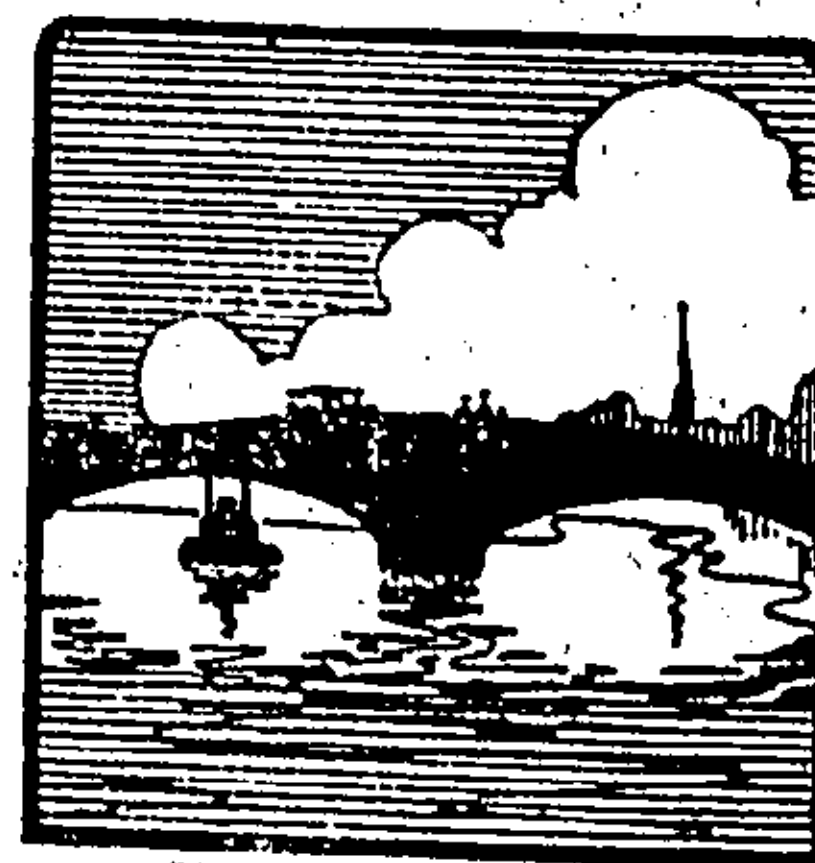
The other radio stations are estimated to cost between P10,000 and P15,000 each. At present there are only 15 radio stations of this kind in the Islands operated by the bureau of posts. Steps toward the establishment of more radio stations are being taken by the bureau. It was indicated that not less than 10 radio stations will be erected next year.

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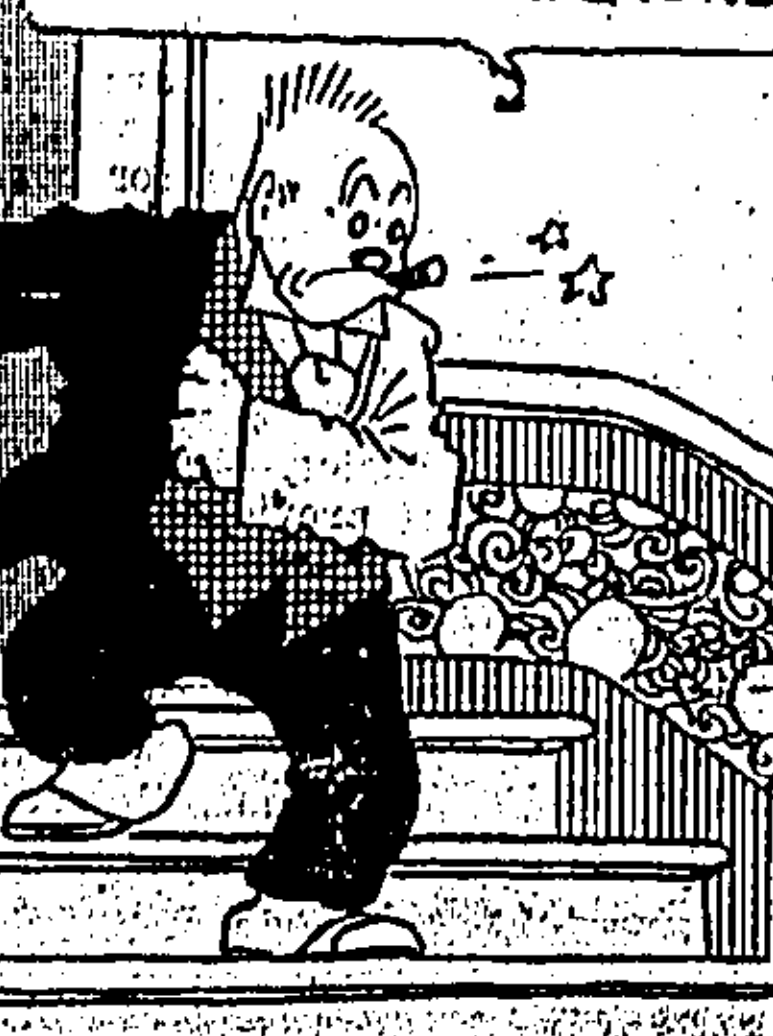
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FENG'S REVERSE.

HOW SUN CHUAN-FANG SAVED HSUCHOWFU.

Peking, Dec. 9.
The vernacular papers state that the brunt of the fighting for the Kuomintang around Hsuehchowfu is being borne by the Mohammedan General Ma, with troops from Kansu, and that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has promised Ma the control of Kansu if he is successful in the present fighting.

When Marshal Chang Chung-chang was in a critical position, attacked from both the west and the south, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang turned up unexpectedly from the region of Tainan, and devastated the Nationalist right flank and enabled Marshal Chang Chung-chang to throw the whole weight of his forces, successfully, against the Kuomintang.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, who recently went to Tainan, is now remaining at Hsuehchowfu, co-operating with Marshal Chang Chung-chang. Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin has instructed General Wu Chun-sheng, Tapan of Heilungkiang, to send 30,000 men to Shantung to make up the recent losses suffered in the ranks of the Chihli-Shantung forces.

Heavy Losses.

Tainan, Dec. 9.
Reports reaching here from the front state that the Chihli-Shantung combined forces at Hsuehchowfu on the night of December 6 counter-attacked General Feng Yu-hsiang's forces which launched a furious attack on Hsuehchowfu, and defeated the latter after a severe engagement. In this battle Feng's forces suffered heavy losses and deserted a large number of arms and a quantity of provisions. The strength of Feng's forces which participated in this battle was more than ten divisions, commanded by Generals Lu Chung-lin, Han Fu-chu, Sun Liang-chun and Sun Lien-chung. These forces, attacked Hsuehchowfu from three routes but were almost annihilated by the Chihli-Shantung forces, and the Chihli-Shantung forces are now advancing, according to the reports. Probably owing to the news of the victory, the Shantung Provincial Bank note issue has somewhat rallied.—Toho.

Three Thousand Prisoners.

Tsinan, Dec. 8.
General Feng Yu-hsiang's forces in the region of the Lung-Hai Railway have been repulsed by the Northerners, and strategic points in the region of Chihlihan fell into the hands of the Northerners yesterday and to-day. No soldiers belonging to General Feng are to be seen in the vicinity of Hsuehchowfu.

Hsuehchowfu was captured by General Feng's forces on December 5, but the Chihli-Shantung combined forces, with the aid of General Sun Chuan-fang's men, have repulsed Feng's forces.

General Chang Chung-chang, Tapan of Shantung, is now at Hsuehchowfu personally directing the Chihli-Shantung forces.

At present there is no change in the regions of Tsinan and Tsungchow. A number of Fengtien

troops have proceeded to Hsuehchowfu by way of Tsinan.

In the battle around Hsuehchowfu, the Chihli-Shantung forces captured three guns, 24 small guns, and about 3,000 rifles. The Chihli-Shantung forces also took some 3,000 prisoners.

The Chihli-Shantung forces have reached Tsinan in pursuit of the Feng's troops.—Toho.

Victory Confirmed.

Peking, Dec. 9.
Judging from various reports reaching here from the south, it seems certain that the Chihli-Shantung combined forces at Hsuehchowfu inflicted a heavy loss on Feng's forces in the recent battle around Hsuehchowfu, and have repulsed them to the region of Tainan.

The aviation corps of the Chihli-Shantung Army which recently retreated to Tsinan, have advanced the Aviation Headquarters to Enchow. The armies under the command of Generals Chang Chiu-yuan and Sun Tien-ying, which were stationed in the vicinity of Changteh, with the assistance of the Red Cross Corps, have recaptured Changteh. These armies have established their headquarters in that city, and are now facing General Feng's troops at a point southwest of Changteh.

There is no change in the situation at Tsinan, and Tsungchow is still in the hands of the Chihli-Shantung Army. The telegraphic service between Tsinan and Tsungchow is in working order.

One cavalry division of the Heilungkiang Army, which was despatched by the Fengtien faction to reinforce the Chihli-Shantung forces, arrived at Hsuehchowfu on December 7.

Some 5,000 cavalrymen belonging to the Kirin Army hurriedly proceeded to Hsuehchowfu by way of Tsinan.—Toho.

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IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA
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A fresh-faced young British business man just arrived in Shanghai from the United States, where he has been studying the cement manufacturing methods there preparatory to entering his father's firm in London, last Sunday gave his impressions of America.

The young man, Mr. Ronald Compton Stewart, son of Mr. P. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, of London, described America as a land of joy, jazz and gin.

On the whole, he declared, he was favourably impressed with the country, especially Detroit and New York, the last named for its mammoth way of doing things and the first named city for its bustle and hustle.

Prohibition, Mr. Stewart said, is a joke in America. He declared that in his opinion, based on ten months' stay in the United States, that the dry laws have been the cause of more drinking than ever before.

"It is considered the smart and fashionable thing in America to carry a flask," Mr. Stewart said, "and to keep it filled with that outrageous concoction known as synthetic gin."

"On several occasions I noticed mere boys and girls of high school age drinking from flasks and thinking they were quite clever. High school boys there have told me that they are considered old-fashioned by girls unless they bring a flask of gin to their parties."

Mr. Stewart, who is a guest at the Astor House Hotel, after studying cement manufacturing in the eastern part of the United States, motored from New York to San Francisco, stopping at important cities en route, including Chicago.

He arrived in Shanghai on Friday last week on the "President Madison" and sailed for Marseilles on Wednesday on the liner "President Garfield." After a short visit in France, Mr. Stewart (says the "Shanghai Times") will return to London to enter upon his business career.

ONLY NONSENSE.

CHANG TSO-LIN AND THE THRONE.

Peking, Dec. 9.
Regarding the report in the "New York Times" of November 9 that Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin intends to become Emperor next summer and that preparations for the event are now under way, Reuter is officially informed from the Dictator's office that the Generalissimo declares this report to be "a piece of whimsical nonsense, which would have been ignored except that it appeared in one of the world's biggest papers."

Officials in the Dictator's office express the belief that the report was circulated in order to provoke unfavourable foreign criticism of the Generalissimo.

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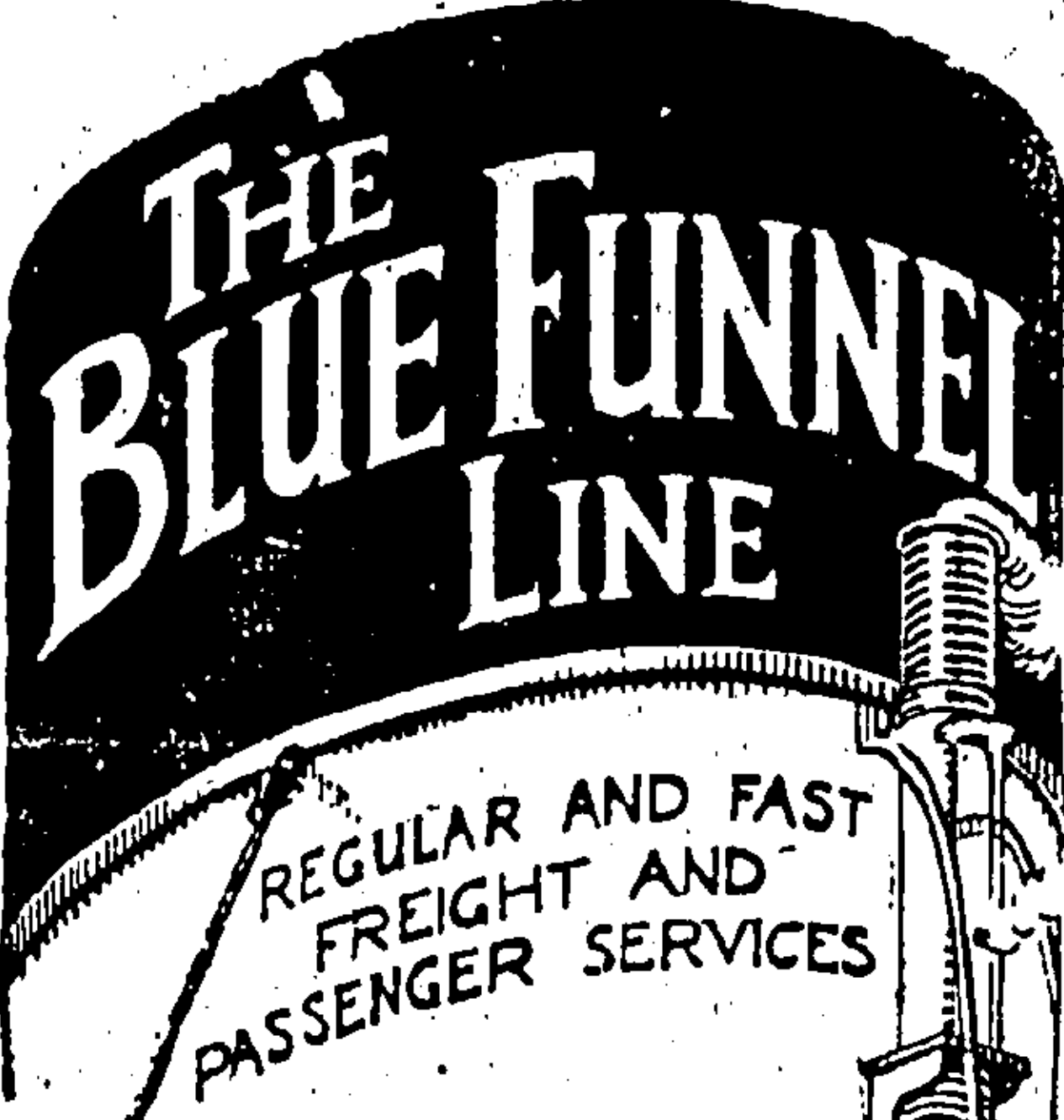
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HOME SPINNERS.

Alleged Chaos in the American Section.

ASSOCIATION'S OFFER.

Losses On Yarn Sales Removable By Co-Operation.

London, Yesterday.
The state of the American section of the Lancashire cotton spinning industry has attracted attention by reason of a circular from the Cotton Yarn Association to the directors of mills spinning American yarns. It says that six weeks have passed since the Association, by removing restrictions on price and production, allowed unrestrained competition to play havoc with the trade. Margins had fallen so far that it was now impossible to sell yarns for ordinary trade at a price showing a profit to any mill, however favourably financed.

This situation contrasted with that which was favourably ruling during the operation of the Association's policy of curtailment, which proved that standard prices were maintainable and the present losses unnecessary. The circular says the Association is prepared to end the present chaos immediately if the support of those who hitherto hindered its efforts are forthcoming. It is not prepared, however, to allow non-members to improve their position at its expense. Losses being incurred by yarn sold to date were removable immediately. They were prepared to co-operate with their fellow-spinners. The failure of the Act means that a course has been headed for bankruptcy.—Reuter.

RED SPLIT.

OPPOSITION NOW GIVE WAY.

"THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS."

Moscow, Yesterday.
At the Communist Congress a new statement was subsequently submitted by the Opposition signed by Kamenef, Zinovieff, and other expelled members, in which they confessed the error of their ways and declared their willingness completely and unconditionally to acquiesce in the Congress's decisions.

The Congress rejected the statement, but agreed to re-admit the members of the Opposition on application in six months if they fulfilled their pledges.—Reuter.

OPPOSITION PELTED WITH BAD APPLES.

Moscow, Nov. 9.
Although the separate Opposition demonstrations passed almost unnoticed on account of the huge size of the parade yesterday, the "Newspaper Workers' Gazette" devotes much indignant comment to the efforts of Smilga and Preobrazhensky here and of Zinovieff and Radek in Leningrad to organise demonstrations under Opposition slogans. It declares that indignant proletarians hurled rubbish and decayed apples at Smilga and Preobrazhensky, who spoke from the balcony of a small hotel, and that a cavalry detachment had to protect them against the wrath of the crowd. The secretary of the Moscow Communist party Committee, Uglanov, said: "The proletarians in Moscow by their demonstration showed their will to have unity in the Leninist ranks of the Communist party. Compared with this the few outbursts of the Opposition were like pitiful squeals."

The indignation of official Communist quarters can be understood in view of the absolute prohibition of unofficial political demonstrations in Russia, and the conduct of the Opposition will doubtless represent a new count in the indictment against them.

FLYING TO HANOI.

FRENCH PLANE LEAVES PARIS.

Paris, Yesterday.
The Le Bourget aeroplane, "Georges Guynemer," piloted by Colonel Antoinet with four companions, hopped off at 6.25 for Athens, its first stop on the flight from Paris to Hanoi.—Havas.

IN PERIL.

Entombed Naval Men's Tappings.

ATTEMPTED RESCUE.

Pessimistic Opinion Of Submarine Experts.

Provincetown, Yesterday.
The divers tapped with a hammer on the side of the sunken submarine and heard answering taps. Another indication that life still exists in the S.4 comes from the neighbourhood of the entombed crew, and believes she got replies to her submarine signals.

In Communication.
The diver (Eady) who established communication with the survivors of the S.4 descended at 2 o'clock yesterday at noon. He located the submarine after 20 minutes and inspected the wreck for an hour. He said that a hole is torn in the hull larger than the hole in the S.51, and under the conning tower.

Eady's tappings were answered from the torpedo compartment and the following messages exchanged by knocks of a hammer. "Is gas bad?" "No; but air. How long will you be now?" "How many are there?" "There are six. Please hurry. Will you be long now?" "We are doing everything possible."

Another diver descended and fixed an air valve to the submarine's hull and air tanks were lowered and hooked up into which the rescue ships are pumping air.—Reuter's American Service.

Province Town, Yesterday.
The perilous position of the men in Submarine S.4 is indicated by a message tapped out by means of a hammer on the hull of the submarine and picked up by the rescuers in the afternoon, stating that the submarine men had enough oxygen to last till six o'clock on the evening and asking for oxygen and emergency food to be sent down through the torpedo tubes, but rough weather made an immediate response to the plea impossible.

According to submarine experts it is impossible for any of the submarine men to survive after to-morrow.—Reuter's American Service.

COLD AT HOME.

BRITAIN MAY HAVE WHITE CHRISTMAS.

WEEK-END RECORD.

London, Yesterday.
There is cold weather of unusual severity throughout the British Isles. Nineteen degrees of frost were registered in London last evening. There have been falls of snow in many districts. A continuation of the conditions is forecasted, probably extending over Christmas.

Freezing on Riviera.
The past week-end was the coldest experienced in Britain for seven years and the temperature throughout yesterday remained considerably below freezing point, 34 degrees Fahrenheit of frost being registered at Balmoral, Scotland, where the cold was most severe.

It was, however, warmer in the British Isles than in any other part of Europe in the same latitude, for the cold wave has now spread all over the continent and snowfalls are reported from as far south as Rome, and it was freezing at midday yesterday on the French Riviera.

Forecasts indicate a continuance of severe frost and skating has begun in many districts. So-called white Christmases are rare in England, but there seems some likelihood that frosty weather may continue over next week's holiday.

NO ARBITRATION.

GERMAN METAL WORKERS REJECT DECISION.

Essen, Yesterday.
The Socialist metal workers union, the biggest in Germany, has rejected the arbitrators' decision in the iron and steel dispute.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.
The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 7/16.

ENDURANCE TEST.

English Couple's Motor Record.

PLUCK OF MRS. BRUCE.

Steers Car When Hands And Arm Are Frost Bitten.

London, Yesterday.
The achievement of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bruce, in breaking the previous 15,000 miles motor record, held by the Englishwoman, Violet Cordery, by forty-eight hours was made more remarkable by the 21 hours' delay caused by the skidding and overturning of the car on the frozen Monthery track and by the intensity of the cold weather, in which the run was made.

Mrs. Bruce bore the brunt of the effort during the last two days and nights and her hands were frost-bitten and her left arm almost frozen when, finally, the course was accomplished.

The windscreen had been smashed in the accident and the motorists would not wait for it to be repaired before resuming the run. They were thus further exposed to the weather. Mrs. Bruce was carried from the car, shoulder-high by enthusiastic spectators. The car, petrol and oil used were all of British manufacture.—British Wireless Service.

SCHNEIDER CUP.

NO CONTEST LIKELY TILL 1928.

OFFICIAL BRITISH VIEW.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, was asked in the House of Commons about the action to be taken by the Air Ministry to retain the Schneider Cup next year.

He said that there had been general agreement in aeronautical circles for some considerable time past that it was not in the best interests of naval aviation that the contest for the Schneider trophy should be held each year, as the time was insufficient to secure progress in the design of marine aircraft. Provided that other countries took that view no contest would be held in 1928. The United States, French, and German authorities had been consulted informally, and were understood to be in favour of that view. In discussing this question with the Italian authorities he had made it clear that Great Britain was prepared to compete next year if other countries concerned desired the contest. No effort would be spared to secure another victory.—British Wireless Service.

A TRIBUTE.

MR. TOCHER'S RESCUE OF CAPTAIN LALOR.

GOVERNMENT'S ADMIRATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The British Government has instructed Sir Miles Lampson, its representative at Peking, to express to the Rev. Forbes Tocher its admiration and appreciation of his action which has attended his persevering and courageous efforts for the release of Captain Lator.—British Wireless Service.

SPY MANIA.

MOSCOW SUPPLIES MONEY TO LATVIANS.

SEVENTEEN ARRESTS.

Riga, Yesterday.
The police have arrested 17 Latvians who are charged with membership of an espionage organisation to supply Russia with comprehensive military information. The arrested men were largely supplied with money, and some admitted that this was provided by the Moscow authorities.—Reuter.

IRAQ TREATY.

THE TEXT FOR PARLIAMENT TO-DAY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons the Prime Minister announced that a new treaty had been signed on behalf of His Majesty's Government with Iraq, and it was proposed to lay the text before Parliament to-morrow (Tuesday).—British Wireless Service.

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FENG'S REVERSE.

HOW SUN CHUAN-FANG SAVED HSUCHOWFU.

Peking, Dec. 9.
The vernacular papers state that the brunt of the fighting for the Kuomintang around Hsuehchowfu is being borne by the Mohammedan General Ma, with troops from Kansu, and that Marshal Feng Yushiang has promised Ma the control of Kansu if he is successful in the present fighting.

When Marshal Chang Chung-chang was in a critical position, attacked from both the west and the south, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang turned up unexpectedly from the region of Tsinlingkuang, devastated the Nationalist right flank and enabled Marshal Chang Chung-chang to throw the whole weight of his forces, successfully, against the Kuomintang.

Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, who recently went to Tsinchow, is now remaining at Hsuehchowfu, co-operating with Marshal Chang Chung-chang. Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin has instructed General Wu Chun-sheng, Tapan of Heilungkiang, to send 30,000 men to Shantung to make up the recent losses suffered in the ranks of the Chihli-Shantung forces.

Heavy Losses.

Tsinling, Dec. 9.
Reports reaching here from the front state that the Chihli-Shantung combined forces at Hsuehchowfu on the night of December 6 counter-attacked General Feng Yushiang's forces which launched a furious attack on Hsuehchowfu, and defeated the latter after a severe engagement. In this battle Feng's forces suffered heavy losses and deserted a large number of arms and a quantity of provisions. The strength of Feng's forces which participated in this battle was more than ten divisions, commanded by Generals Lu Chung-lin, Han Fu-chu, Sun Liang-chun and Sun Lien-chung. These forces, attacked Hsuehchowfu from three routes but were almost annihilated by the Chihli-Shantung forces, and the Chihli-Shantung forces are now advancing, according to the reports. Probably owing to the news of the victory, the Shantung Provincial Bank note issue has somewhat rallied.—Toho.

Three Thousand Prisoners.

Tsinling, Dec. 8.
General Feng Yushiang's forces in the region of the Lung-Hai Railway have been repulsed by the Northerners, and strategic points in the region of Chihli-Shantung fell into the hands of the Northerners yesterday and to-day. No soldiers belonging to General Feng are to be seen in the vicinity of Hsuehchowfu.

Hsuehchowfu was captured by General Feng's forces on December 5, but the Chihli-Shantung combined forces, with the aid of General Sun Chuan-fang's men, have repulsed Feng's forces.

General Chang Chung-chang, Tapan of Shantung, is now at Hsuehchowfu personally directing the Chihli-Shantung forces.

At present there is no change in the regions of Tsinling and Tsungchow. A number of Fengtien

troops have proceeded to Hsuehchowfu by way of Tsinling.

In the battle around Hsuehchowfu, the Chihli-Shantung forces captured three guns, 24 small guns, and about 3,000 rifles. The Chihli-Shantung forces also took some 3,000 prisoners.

The Chihli-Shantung forces have reached Tsinling in pursuit of the Feng's troops.—Toho.

Victory Confirmed.

Peking, Dec. 9.
Judging from various reports reaching here from the south, it seems certain that the Chihli-Shantung combined forces at Hsuehchowfu inflicted a heavy loss on Feng's forces in the recent battle around Hsuehchowfu, and have repulsed them to the region of Tsinling.

The aviation corps of the Chihli-Shantung Army, which recently retreated to Tsinling, have advanced the Aviation Headquarters to Enchow. The armies under the command of Generals Chang Chi-yuan and Sun Tien-ying, which were stationed in the vicinity of Changteh, with the assistance of the Red Spear Corps, have recaptured Changteh. These armies have established their headquarters in that city, and are now facing General Feng's troops at a point southwest of Changteh.

There is no change in the situation at Tsinling, and Tsungchow is still in the hands of the Chihli-Shantung Army. The telegraphic service between Tsinling and Tsungchow is in working order.

One cavalry division of the Heilungkiang Army, which was despatched by the Fengtien faction to reinforce the Chihli-Shantung forces, arrived at Hsuehchowfu on December 7.

Some 5,000 cavalymen belonging to the Kirin Army hurriedly proceeded to Hsuehchow by way of Tsinling.—Toho.

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JOY, JAZZ & GIN.

IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA BY YOUNG BRITON.

A fresh-faced young British business man just arrived in Shanghai from the United States, where he has been studying the cement manufacturing methods there preparatory to entering his father's firm in London, last Sunday gave his impressions of America.

The young man, Mr. Ronald Compton Stewart, son of Mr. P. M. Stewart, Chairman of the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers, of London, described America as a land of joy, jazz and gin.

On the whole, he declared, he was favourably impressed with the country, especially Detroit and New York, the last named for its mammoth way of doing things and the first named city for its bustle and hustle.

Prohibition, Mr. Stewart said, is a joke in America. He declared that in his opinion, based on ten months stay in the United States, that the dry laws have been the cause of more drinking than ever before.

"It is considered the smart and fashionable thing in America to carry a flask," Mr. Stewart said, "and to keep it filled with that outrageous concoction known as synthetic gin."

"On several occasions I noticed mere boys and girls of high school age drinking from flasks and thinking they were quite clever. High school boys there have told me that they are considered old-fashioned by girls unless they bring a flask of gin to their parties."

Mr. Stewart, who is a guest at the Astor House Hotel, after studying cement manufacturing in the eastern part of the United States, motored from New York to San Francisco, stopping at important cities en route, including Chicago.

He arrived in Shanghai on Friday last week on the "President Madison" and sailed for Marseilles on Wednesday on the liner "President Garfield." After a short visit in France, Mr. Stewart (says the "Shanghai Times") will return to London to enter upon his business career.

ONLY NONSENSE.

CHANG-TSO-LIN AND THE THRONE.

Peking, Dec. 9.
Regarding the report in the "New York Times" of November 9 that Generalissimo Chang Tso-lin intends to become Emperor next summer and that preparations for the event are now under way, Reuters is officially informed from the Dictator's office that the Generalissimo declares this report to be "a piece of whimsical nonsense, which would have been ignored except that it appeared in one of the world's biggest papers."

Officials in the Dictator's office express the belief that the report was circulated in order to provoke unfavourable foreign criticism of the Generalissimo.

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